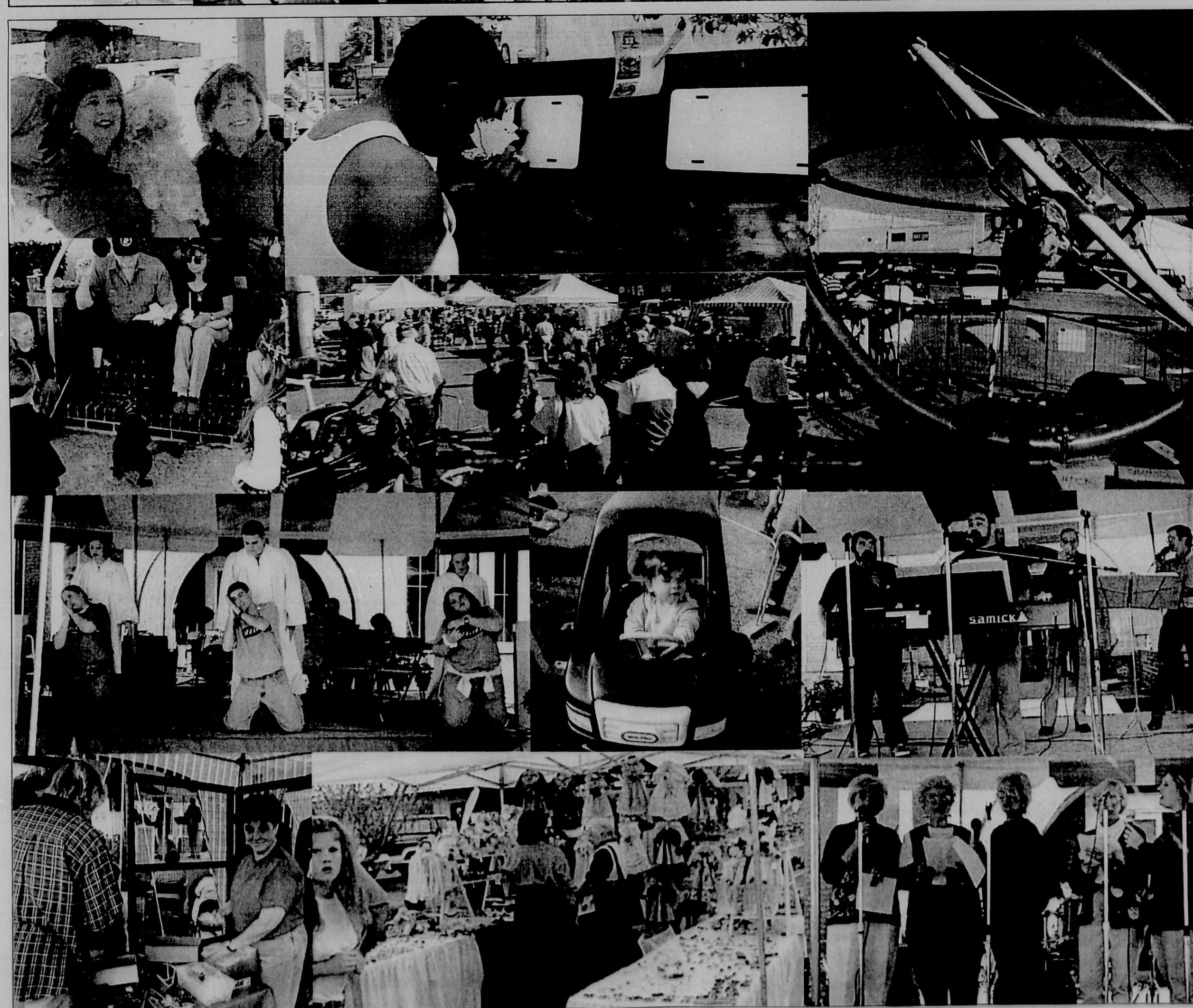


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New Brockton Council going for \$100,000.00

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

New Brockton Town Council wasted little time in conducting business and adjourning. The meeting lasted just under thirty minutes; however a lot was accomplished in a short time.

Police Chief Charles Driggers was called upon to report on the activities of his department early due to another meeting (E-911) that had been scheduled.

MDI awarded Elba's garbage pick-up contract at half the present cost

Elba city officials were unable to contain their delight last week while opening bids on a new garbage pick-up contract. The present contractor had given notice of canceling the existing contract, effective December 31st, 1998, because they were losing money on the garbage pick-up under the existing contract. City officials were looking at the numbers and knew the city could absorb no more cost without increasing fees to the people of Elba. As an alternative they were looking at the possibility of buying trucks, hiring workers and getting back into the garbage pick-up business, after almost 15 years of contracting for the service.

However, with three bidders vying for the work, the low bid, rather than being higher than the existing contract, was almost half what the city is currently paying.

The present bid price is about \$201,500 per year; council members were told. That is with Waste Management of Dothan, the firm which canceled because they are reportedly are losing money at present prices.

Mark Dunning Industries, Inc.,

He stated that officers had responded to 16 complaints, investigated 4 automobile accident with no injuries, and issued 13 traffic citations.

Driggers reported that the rescue squad had made 3 runs while the fire department was dispatched to only 1 fire. He noted that 14 stray dogs had been taken to the dog pound in Elba.

The chief commented that all the officers in the department had completed qualifications on the pistol range and that the new police car

had been received and was almost ready to be placed in service.

Mayor Britt Lee noted that the new car was financed with a local bank in lieu of Ford Motor Credit at a savings of \$400 (over a two-year period) to the town.

Getting back to routine business matters, the mayor told council members that the town had obtained insurance to cover any vehicle impounded by the city. The increased cost of the town's annual insurance premium was \$300.00 for \$10,000 coverage.

The council passed and signed a resolution to the effect that the town would adhere to all the rules and regulations required by the state in order to obtain a \$100,000.00 grant for street repair.

Mayor Lee told council members that it would be necessary to sign a contract with the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce. This is required to make it legal for the town to pay the membership dues to the Chamber. The contractual agreement will contain clarification as to what services the Chamber will provide the town in exchange for its \$150 annual dues.

City Clerk Annette Williams informed the council that the town had contracted with Snowhill of Dothan to provide Internet services to the town. The town had had problems with the previous carrier. She noted that there was a slight increase (\$2.00) in the new service.

Council members were told by Mayor Lee that S & C Paving was to start on the repair of Byrd Mill Road this week providing the weather was good.

New Brockton Fireman Gibby McCormick addressed the council concerning the need for a new pumper for the department.

He told the council that a bid of

\$46,000.00 had been received from a Florida firm on a 1982 Cab-over-Engine Class A pumper.

McCormick stated that he, James Brown, and other firemen had looked at a video on the pumper and had reviewed the specification. They are satisfied that the pumper and price are right for the department. The bank has also been contacted and tentative approval for the funds has been given.

According to McCormick the oldest pumper (the department has two) has become very expensive in maintenance cost and it is on a regular basis. It is believed that a newer truck is the route to take.

Mayor Lee and the council were in agreement on the purchase; however, they felt that the financial status of the fire department should be reviewed before giving any formal approval to the purchase. Lee noted that it would be necessary for the town to underwrite the loan from the bank to the fire department. He also commented that the department is already paying on a newly constructed building.

"We need to look at it [financial statement] so that we will know exactly where we stand in case the fire department were to get into a bind and could not make the payments," said Mayor Lee.

Councilman Charles Cole made a motion that the purchase be approved, contingent that the finances of the fire department, and the town, prove to be in "good" condition.

"It was noted that the deadline for the bid from the Florida company is December 14th. A special meeting will be called after the finances are reviewed to make a final decision.

During general business from the council, Councilman Ronald McMonagle proposed a one-time raise for the employees of the town as a "Christmas bonus." The council approved a \$50 raise for full-time employees and \$25 for part-time employees.

Also, the council approved a 15¢ per hour cost-of-living increase for all employees effective the first pay period in January, 1999.

McMonagle also read a letter from New Brockton High School expressing appreciation to the members of the police department for their assistance during the football season.

Before adjourning, the council approved payment of the monthly bills which totaled \$29,449.67.



ELBA LIONS DONATE. On Tuesday, November 10, 1998, the Elba Lions Club held its regular meeting with Past District Governor Lion William Filmore speaking. Lion Robert Glover was in charge of the program. PDG Lion Filmore brought the local Lions up to date on the Alabama Lions Sight and its board members. Elba Lions have always contributed to Alabama Lions Sight as its major project. This year, the Elba Lions presented ALS with a check for \$1,750.00. Pictured above (l-r) are: Lion Glover, PDG Lion Filmore, and Lion Charles Eastburn.

McGlothren changes plea to guilty in theft of public funds

A former bookkeeper in the offices of the Coffee County Commission pleaded guilty to theft charges last Thursday.

Last May, Susan Enfinger, McGlothren, of Enterprise, AL, pleaded not guilty to charges of taking more than \$71,000 in county funds while working in the county commission office. Last week she changed that plea to guilty to the charge of theft of property in the first degree.

The alleged theft of funds occurred during 1997 and an investigation into the missing monies was begun on January 21, 1998. Mrs. McGlothren was relieved of her bookkeeping duties on that day and her resignation was accepted by the commission on January 26, 1998.

In an April '98 session of an Enterprise Division Grand Jury, McGlothren was indicted on charges of first degree theft. She was arraigned on May 27, 1998 at which time she entered a plea of "not guilty."

Reportedly, McGlothren reimbursed the county for the "missing" funds in May.

McGlothren's trial was set for the third week in August '98; however, due to a motion by her attorney, Joe Sawyer, for a change of venue the trial was continued. Circuit Judge Thomas Head later denied the motion and the trial was scheduled for December of '98.

According to Bruce DeVane, chief investigator for the 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's office, McGlothren requested a court appearance in order to enter a guilty plea.

Judge Head heard the plea and ordered a pre-sentencing investigation at the request of McGlothren's attorney. Upon the completion of that investigation, the judge will hand down a sentence.

Theft of property in the first degree, a Class B felony, is punishable by 1 to 10 years in prison and/or a fine of up to \$10,000.00.

In an unrelated case, Frances Elizabeth Carter, of Samson, is facing the charge of theft in the first degree in reference to missing funds in the Circuit Clerk's office in Enterprise. She is accused of allegedly taking \$2,876.00 from office funds.

Her case was also scheduled for the December term of criminal court in the Enterprise Division; however, her attorney, Paul Young, has petitioned the court to allow him to no longer represent Ms. Carter.

Alberta Martin involved in centennial commemoration of the dedication of the Confederate Monument

by Joyce Nunn Shumate - president of the Elizabeth Cairn Musgrave Chapter, #1929 - United Daughters of the Confederacy

On April 29, 1886 the corner stone was laid in Montgomery, for a beautiful monument memorializing the gallant Confederate soldiers of Alabama - a project that had taken years and long hours of work by the mothers, wives and daughters of Confederate veterans, to accomplish.

On December 7, 1898, the monument had been erected and a dedication date was set. Dignitaries from across the state came to participate in this much needed reminder of the sacrifices of the war and the toll it took on the South.

On December 5, 1998, one hundred years after the first dedication, between 2,500 and 3,000 people, from across the state of Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and Louisiana, met in Montgomery to commemorate the dedication of that monument.

The festivities began at nine a.m. with a parade down Dexter Avenue. The Stars and Bars and various other Confederate flags waved from both sides of the parade route. In the lead carriage was Alabama's own Mrs. Alberta Martin, the last Confederate widow, of Elba, Alabama. Riding in the carriage with her were Dr. Virginia Kobler, Alabama Division President of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Mrs. John L. King, President of the Ladies Memorial Association, and Mrs. John H. Napier, III, Regent of the White House Association of Alabama. The second carriage carried the Honorable Emory M. Folmar, Mayor of Montgomery and city officials.

Behind the mayor came the rears, a Confederate Calvary carrying the Stars and Bars, the Alabama flag and the Battle Flag, lead by 2nd Lt. Rambo. A school band followed playing a variety of Southern



MRS. ALBERTA MARTIN

tunes. They received a rousing cheer at their rendition of "Dixie," and many broke into song to accompany them as they passed.

Others participating in the parade were the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the Order of the Confederate Rose, United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Children of the Confederacy. The parade ended at the Capital Building as Col. Rambo posted the colors and took position at the monument for the dedication ceremonies.

The ceremony was opened with a medley of Confederate music by the 5th Alabama Regimental Band. The Honorable Emory M. Folmar, Mayor of Montgomery, gave the welcome and a lone bugler called for the extinguishing of the lights as the Battle Flag was lowered to half staff. Speakers in the opening program were Mrs. John H. Napier, III, Miss Elizabeth Brown, followed by the posting of the colors, Mr. George W. Gayle, Commander of the Cradle of the Confederacy Camp, SCV, introduced the representatives of Gov. James and Gov. Elect Siegleman. Following the keynote speaker, Dr. George Calvin Rable, Dr. H. Rondel Rumberg, Chaplain Alabama Division SCV,

offered the benediction. Mrs. Alberta Martin was recognized and placed the wreath at the monument in memory of all the Alabama men who served during the War Between the States.

A Cannon and Rifle Salute was the grand finale and the 5th Alabama Regimental Band played "Dixie" as the Battle Flag was raised. The band remained after the ceremony and played several songs of the South.

A reception, in honor of Mrs. Alberta Martin, was held at the White House of the Confederacy. Two beautifully decorated tables graced the front porch of this grand old house that once was the home of President Jefferson Davis and his family. A Confederate birthday cake marked Mrs. Martin's 92nd birthday, December 4. Many attended, bringing birthday greetings and wishing her well. She signed autographs, had pictures made and talked about her many experiences. She is truly a grand Southern lady and it was an honor to have met her.

This concluded the day's events, one of remembrance, gratitude and pride for our gallant Confederate ancestors and the Southern women who supported them.

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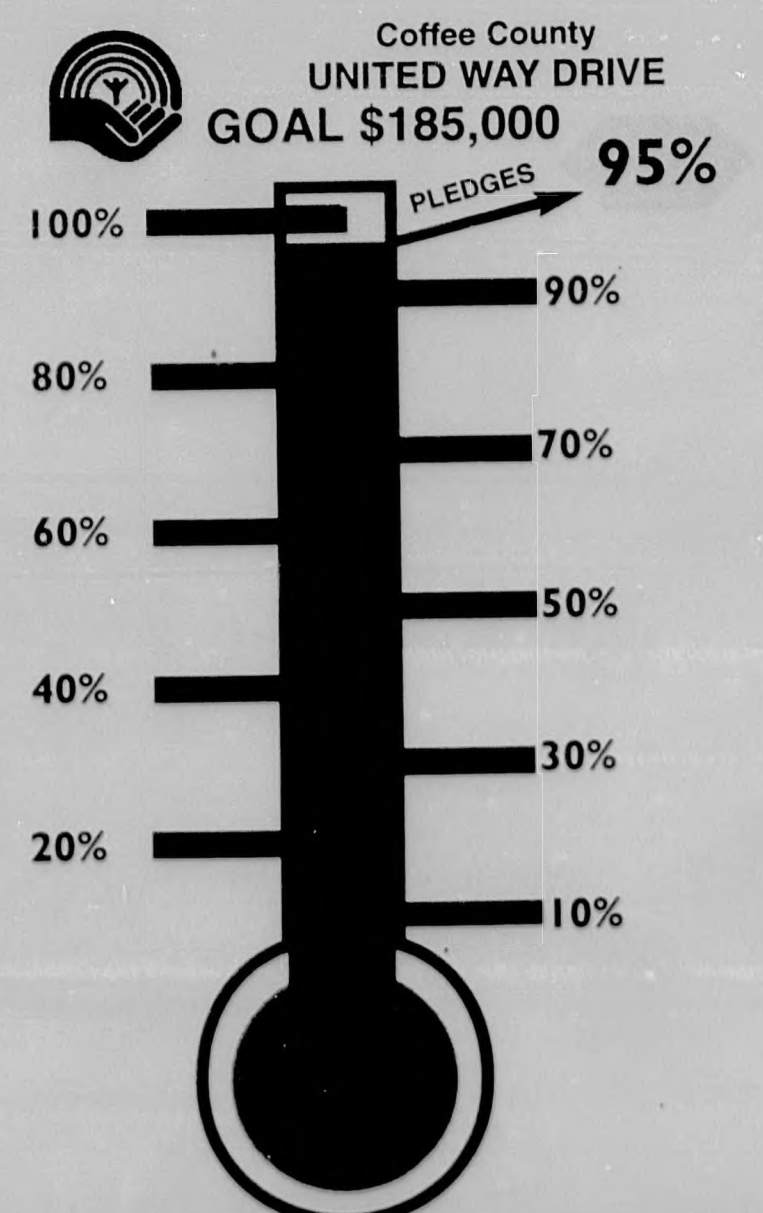
The Elba City Schools has closed a portion of the street circling the school. Minor adjustments have been implemented to allow safe traffic flow around the school complex. Motorists are urged to adhere to this change as local police and administration personnel will advise them as they enter the campus. Barricades should not be bypassed at any time due to the fact that guard rails will be or have been removed, making the west side of the campus very dangerous to travel on due to the construction phase.

Area Happenings

COMMISSION MEETING. The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, December 14, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL. Last week was in error.

COUNTY BOE MEETING. The Coffee County Board of Education will not hold a monthly meeting during the month of December. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 7, 1999.

ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY OPEN. The Elba Public Library is back on a full schedule and is in need of all the books that were checked out prior to the flood. Patrons having these books are asked to return them immediately. There will be no late charges applied.



BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The weather is finally changing, if only a little bit. Coffee County has gotten some rain and promises of temperatures going to drop. With our present record warm weather this month, we could get a drop of several degrees and still be hot. Cold weather is not our cup of tea, but facing reality, it is needed to control the population of bugs and weeds next spring and summer.

Coffee County native Clinton Carter has spent a lifetime in public education. He decided to retire when his age and years of service qualified him for the honor. Still relatively young, he was content to do some consulting work and enjoy life. That is until the Montgomery, AL Board of Education needed a qualified person to step in as superintendent while they searched for a permanent person. Yep, that country boy from Pine Level, in North Coffee County, is again back in school administration full time, fighting the many problems of unruly students, dropping test scores, angry parents, leaking building, money woes and politicians.

We watched the last part of the SEC championship football game last Saturday night and it ended as a real spectator game. Tennessee won, but it was not a game until the very last moments of the game. Now the match-up for #1 in the nation will be between Tennessee and Florida State. This presents a problem. We have been pulling for Tennessee all year, as they are a genuinely good team. However, Florida State is a year-in and year-out favorite of yours truly and therein lies the confusion. Maybe rather than having to make a "favored team" decision on New Years, we can just go fishing.

The time is getting closer for the U. S. House of Representative members to vote on impeachment of President Bill Clinton. The winds continue to change on this matter and may this week as the president's lawyers are pleading that the crime doesn't justify the punishment. Right now it is looking like the vote will be close but will favor impeachment. Even if that does pass, we highly doubt the U. S. Senate will follow through and actually kick Clinton out of office. That opinion may be tainted, because we still have the opinion that, as much as his actions disgust us, kicking him out of office in the middle of a term is overkill. It is a shame he is not eligible for another term and as punishment the Democrat Party could decline to certify him as a candidate. If they declined, then the voters would have a clear shot at the man on election day... oops, our vote went to Bob Dole last time.

The debate over a lottery in Alabama continues and will probably do so for the next couple of years, or until it is passed into law. This week Governor-elect Don Siegelman got a big boost with the public endorsement by the powerful Alabama Education Association. With AEA pushing and ALFA opposing, the people of Alabama can expect a lively debate, win, lose or draw.

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EDITORIAL

About Our Schools...

by Lynn Irwin
Assistant Principal of Elba Elementary

Egyptian kings and queens, retired teachers returning for a visit and a tea, guide dog presentations, Mitch English discussing the weather, PTO parents selling popcorn, cafeteria staff preparing Thanksgiving dinner... these are just a few of the events you may find taking place at Elba Elementary School.

Elba Elementary staff and students are working to make our school a "happening place" and are enjoying partaking in the excitement of learning.

As is evident above, Elba Elementary School has many activities and programs in place to enhance student learning, thus making it difficult to choose which program to discuss. I would like to share information about two programs of which we are extremely proud -- one being our reading program, and the other our Talent Pool Program.

Research states that "Every educator, parent, and child knows that reading is the most important skill taught in elementary school" and goes on to state, "The number of poor readers in our society is too high."

This type research has resulted in all schools across our country and state being in the midst of drastic reading reform. Elba Elementary is playing an active role in guiding our students toward success in reading. All of our students in grades two through six are involved in the Accelerated Reader Program. In this program, students are motivated to read books appropriate to their grade level and then to take the assessing their comprehension of the books. The students earn points for correct responses to questions based on their reading. The points earned accumulate and can be used

by students to make purchases from the Accelerated Reader Store and to become members of 25-, 50-, and 100-point clubs.

The Accelerated Reader Program has been a very effective tool in motivating students to read and assess the skills they are attaining through their reading.

Reading is the focus of many new strategies in and out of classrooms at Elba Elementary. Teachers are working with students in reading like never before, and these efforts will only become greater in the future. In addition, a group of local volunteers are holding after-school tutorials to assist students needing help in reading. Through these and several other planned programs, students at Elba Elementary School will continue to strive for and find success in reading.

Over the past couple of months the Talent Pool Program at Elba Elementary has been involved in a myriad of exploratory experiences including research, presentations, and field trips - just to mention a few. Our Talent Pool Program is designed to provide students with an enriched environment enhancing the classroom curriculum. This program enables students to participate in a variety of enrichment activities based on their interests.

Students work with technology, exercise critical thinking skills, perform hands-on activities, research topics of interest, and are exposed to the fine arts. An observation of the Talent Pool at work will quickly reveal curious and happy students delving into all sorts of interesting topics under the direction of their teacher/facilitator, Mrs. Donna Ammons.

I appreciate the opportunity to share our excitement about learning. I invite you to visit our school and experience this enthusiasm along with us.

Frances Chandler, Murph Cox, Jeremy Parker, and Amber Pope. Persons discharged during the same time period were: Catherine Stovall, Murph Cox, Cameron Arnold, Lisa Hill, Celina Allen, Deborah Deal, Arthur Ott, Gertrude Mills, Lillie Johnson, Marzee Lodge, Ted Fillingim, and Tammie Hughes.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of December 1, 1998, through December 7, 1998. They were: Deborah Deal, Gertrude Mills, Lillie Johnson, Cameron Arnold, Celina Allen, Marzee Lodge, Lisa Hill, Arthur Ott, Gertrude Mills, Lillie Johnson, Marzee Lodge, Ted Fillingim, and Tammie Hughes.

Wilson Newman grandsons are rowing team champs

Daniel and Mark Newman are rowing enthusiasts, who have made the sport an exciting part of their lives. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Newman of Tallahassee, Fla., and grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Newman of Elba. Daniel helped place his school, Leon High in Tallahassee, in second place in the Florida High School championships in his junior year, and in 1994 moved to Sarasota where rowing is more popular, to finish his senior year of high school, during which time he was involved in several competitions.

After being deluged with letters and phone calls from college coaches, Newman settled on Princeton, where in 1995, his freshman year, he helped the eight-man crew win the Inter-Collegiate Rowing Association national championship. After his collegiate rowing season ended next year, he will still be involved in the sport, although he is unsure how far he will go with it. Mark Newman, a junior at Leon High in Tallahassee, is also aiming for the championships in college, and already helped the Lions take second place in last season's state championship. Mark says Daniel "has given me a lot of advice and set an example, and I want to win like he has."

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• **ROYALTY CLUB** - Tuesday @ North First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

• **ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN.** - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

• **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday 6 p.m. City Hall

• **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. City Hall

• **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION** - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ N. Brockton

• **LIONS CLUB** - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center

• **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD** - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office

• **AMERICAN LEGION** - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

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• **MASONIC LODGE 170** - 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month 7 p.m.

• **BAND BOOSTERS** - 1st Mon. 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School

• **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** - Mon-Fri 8-12 noon & 12:30-4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 194-5858

• **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. 3 p.m. Club House

• **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn Enterprise

• **AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 1st Tuesday at noon, City Hall Conference Room

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, November 30, 1998, investigated the following incidents: one carrying a concealed weapon, four thefts of property, three DUIs, three harassments, three illegal possessions of marijuana, three criminal mischiefs, one violation of the leash law, one confiscation of a pistol, one mental person, one menacing, and one disorderly conduct.

The following arrests were made during the week: one for carrying a concealed weapon, three for unlawful possession of marijuana, one for theft of property, one for violation of the leash law, and one for disorderly conduct.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: three for DUI, four for running a stop sign, nine for speeding, three for an expired tag, three for no driver's license, two for driving while driver's license are suspended, one for driving without first obtaining a driver's license, one for improper passing, two for driving while driver's license are revoked, and one for reckless driving.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30 - Rescue squad dispatched to residence on Co. Rd. 239 (3:39 a.m.); River stage - 4.15 feet (6:46 a.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to Southeast Alabama Medical Center (6:45 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on North Claxton Avenue (8:57 p.m.).

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1 - Alarm at CarQuest (2:56 a.m.); River stage - 4.06 feet (6:30 a.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2 - Alarm at CarQuest (2:56 a.m.); River stage - 4.00 feet (6:33 a.m.); A minor wreck reported in the parking lot at Dorsey Trailers (3:39 p.m.).

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3 - Possible disturbance (domestic) reported in Beaver Dam Trailer Park (1:55 a.m.); River stage - 3.95 feet (6:30 a.m.); Alarm at Windham's (6:33 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on North Claxton Avenue (9:41 a.m.); Fight reported on Bourbon Street (7:10 p.m.); Alarm at The Peoples Bank (8:27 p.m.).

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 - River stage - 3.92 feet (6:16 a.m.); Rescue squad dispatched to a wreck on Co. Rd. 460 (7:29 a.m.); Wreck reported on U. S. Hwy. 84E (8:24 p.m.).

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 - River stage - 3.85 feet (7:15 a.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to Southeast Alabama Medical Center (12:18 p.m.); Wreck reported on AL Hwy. 189N (12:18 p.m.); Disturbance reported on 1st Avenue (12:44 p.m.); Prowler reported at Dollar General (6:07 p.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to Dothan (7:14 p.m.).

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 - River stage - 3.79 feet (6:24 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on U. S. Hwy. 84E (11:38 a.m.); Coffee County EMS made a medical transfer from Elba General Hospital to Southeast Alabama Medical Center (8:10 p.m.).

CALL CRIMESTOPPERS @ 897-3881 TO REPORT A CRIME

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor and the Citizens of Elba and Surrounding Area:

If you are ever in Elba or passing through, and happen to go up Smith Avenue, and see a pink privacy fence, just remember we DID NOT put it up!

I have always been told that you could tell what there was to a person by what they did - and that they were preaching their funeral themselves by the way they lived.

Thank you very much,
MARY CARPENTER
647 Smith Ave.
Elba

Dear Ferrin,
The other day I received a "road permit" (speeding ticket) by the Elba police on Hwy. 84 near J.P. McCall's old store - not in the Elba city limits, but in the Elba police jurisdiction.

I will admit, I am sore about the ticket, but after thinking about it, several things came to mind: "Are we doing the state troopers' job?" "Have we a patrolman who wants to be a state trooper?" "Why are we not stopping the speeding on the streets of Elba, the Brantley Highway, Highland Dr., Taylor Mill Rd., just to mention a few?" "Has Elba something to gain?"

It seems our time and money should be used to serve the people of Elba.

PETE DORSEY
Cherokee Dr.
P.S. After writing the letter, I am still sore about the ticket.
December 7, 1998
Editor
The Elba Clipper

Dear Marvin:
Realizing the large number of readers you have, I would like to use this to make citizens aware of the situation with garbage collection within the City. Many of you know we are about to change the collection contractor from Waste Management to Mark Dunning Industries (MDI). The official change date is January 1, 1999, but everyone will see some changes sooner. MDI has advised us they will probably begin to deliver the new brown and tan cans as early as next week. There will be a flyer included with each can explaining some of the things we all need to know. Please do not move these cans to the curb before the 4th of January. The current contractor will not empty them.

Some of us will experience a new day for pickup in that MDI will collect five days each week instead of four (4). Perhaps the biggest hurdle we face is the first week of service.

The entertainment was some of the best we have ever had - everyone did a super job.

Herbie McCall did a great job keeping things on time and moving along; Jerry Kelley was always behind the scenes working on whatever needed to be fixed.

Starla Amison, Kim Lowery and Cindy Haley presented the best pageant ever with more talent than we have ever had. Misty Kelley and Valerie Moore (Miss and Jr. Miss Elba) were great emcees and kept everything running smoothly. New Seasons Study Club arranged for Santa to be available for pictures with the children and also decorated the gazebo and fountain.

As always the Senior Girl Scouts worked all day long providing refreshments to the vendors and doing face-painting and other children's activities.

The parade was probably the best one we have ever had; the Boy Scouts carried the flags and we want to give them a great big "thank

you." This is the first year we have had the flags and they added a patriotic touch.

The Magical Christmas float was a big success again.

We are already involved in Operation Santa Claus, so that some children will have a Merry Christmas because of the giving of our citizens.

The arts and crafts vendors were a big hit, thanks to Buddy and crew, the Police Dept., all worked for days before and after the festival, and we appreciate all their hard work.

One more young man who always works hard is Chris Thigpen; he is always willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done, and we appreciate him.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the downtown merchants for their cooperation in decorating their store fronts, and for allowing the festival to take place during business hours.

Once again, the Chamber appreciates the support and community effort of all who helped - our slogan is so true: "ELBA - small town - BIG HEART," and if anyone has any ideas or suggestions to help make our community a better place to live, work and play - give us a call.

EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

WHITWORTH, KAYE
Chairman
Christmas Festival

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CARDS OF THANKS

HALL FAMILY

We want to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to our friends and relatives for the food, flowers, cards, visits and all acts of kindness shown during the illness and death of our loved one.

We thank you for all your prayers, which are helping us day by day.

God bless you all.
THE FAMILY OF DONNIE HALL

MOORE FAMILY

Thank you so much for the many ways you expressed your sympathy to our family during the loss of our loved one.

It was such a comfort to know so many friends truly care. Please continue to remember us in your prayers.
THE FAMILY OF WALTER H. MOORE

SMITH FAMILY

We want to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to all our friends and relatives for all the food, flowers, visits and phone calls during the illness and death of our husband, father, father-in-law and Papa.

We are especially thankful for all your prayers, and to Bro. Larry Wise and all the people of Shiloh Baptist Church.

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EXPRESS

LIFESTYLES

Morrow-Marler wedding planned for Friday, December 11th



Miss Morrow & Mr. Marler

Hanna and Janice Morrow of Elba announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Tammy Morrow, to Andy Marler, son of Woodrow and Jane Marler of Opp.

Tammy is the granddaughter of the late George and Zola Morrow of Elba, and Joe Bill and Idell Smith, Elba.

Andy is the grandson of the late Vershal and Alva Marler of Opp, and Marie McInnis and the late C.L. McInnis, Opp.

The wedding will take place Friday evening, Dec. 11, at seven o'clock at County Line Pentecost Church near Opp.

All friends and relatives are invited.



Mr. Mack & Miss Mikel

Miss Mikel to wed Mr. Mack January 9th

Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Mikel of Opp announce the engagement of their daughter, Hannah Leigh Mikel, to Jeremy Lamar Mack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mack of Kinross, and Mr. and Mrs. Timothy L. Harrison of Opp.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mikel and Mrs. Sara Gooden, and the late D.B. Gooden of Opp.

She attends Lurleen B. Wallace Junior College in Andalusia, and plans to transfer to Troy State University in the fall to complete her degree in Social Education.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of J.C. and Jane Mack, and the late Mary Mack of Elba. Deana Harrison, Martin, Shirevort, La., and the late Hattie K. Harrison, Opp; John and Ruby Lesh, Opp; and Doug and Willie Harrison, Elba.

He is a 1995 graduate of Kinross High School and is employed with a firm in Houston, Texas.

The wedding will take place at Westview Baptist Church in Opp, Saturday, Jan. 9, at seven o'clock in the evening.

All family and friends are invited.

Whitt on Honors List at Auburn

Hanna N. Whitt of Jack was selected for inclusion on the Dean's List for fall quarter at Auburn University Montgomery.

To be included on the Dean's List for the quarter, a student must have taken at least 12 hours of course work and must have maintained a 3.5 or higher grade point average.



Kayla Danford

Kayla Danford crowned 'Junior Miss Christmas'

Kayla Danford was crowned "Junior Miss Christmas on the Coast" Nov. 7. She competed with 22 9- and 10-year-olds from Elmore County for the title.

As Junior Miss Christmas on the Coast, Kayla will participate in events of Christmas on the Coast Dec. 12, including the street parade and hot parade in the evening.

Kayla is 10 years old, and is the daughter of Ronny and Villa Danford of Wetumpka. She is the granddaughter of Troy and Gladys Owens, Elba; Bobby Danford, Enterprise, and Grace Horton, Samson.

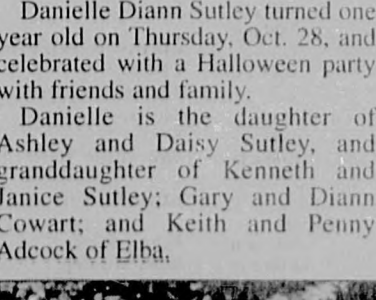


Danielle Sutley

Danielle Sutley is one year old

Danielle Damm Sutley turned one year old on Thursday, Oct. 28, and celebrated with a Halloween party with friends and family.

Danielle is the daughter of Ashley and Daisy Sutley, and granddaughter of Kenneth and Janice Sutley; Gary and Dianne Covart; and Keith and Penny Adcock of Elba.

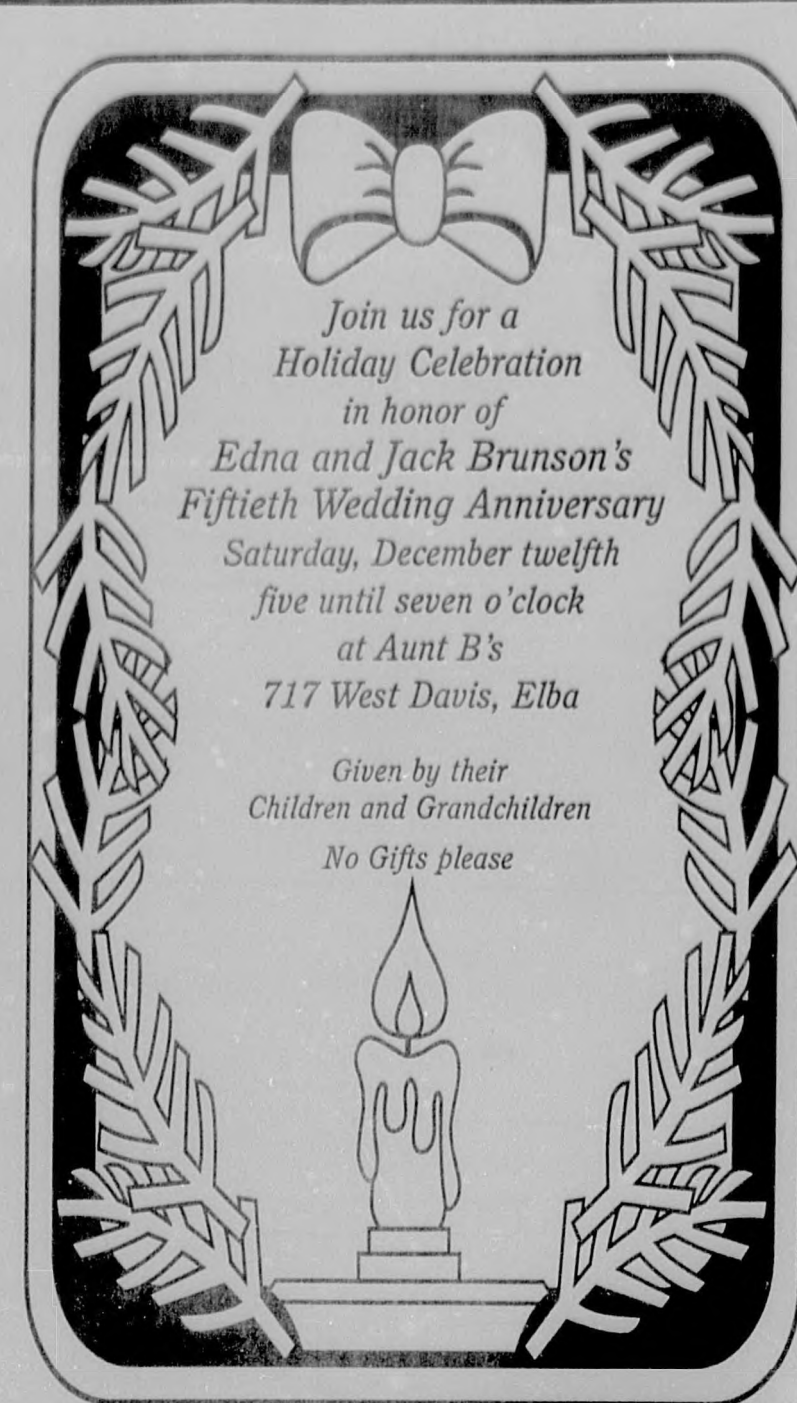


Tristen Powell

Tristen Powell celebrates second birthday

Tristen Hope Powell was two years old on Nov. 21, and celebrated her birthday with a "Banney" party with family and friends.

Tristen is the daughter of Joey and Christy Powell, and granddaughter of Kenneth and Janice Sutley; Jerry and Charlotte Register and Bobby Knight of Elba; and Thomas and Linda Powell, Palmetto, Ga.



Sorority to present Fashion Fair

The Kappa Pi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., will present the 41st annual Ebony Fashion Fair show at the Dothan Civic Center on Jan. 16, 1999, beginning at 8 p.m.

Theme is "Fashions to Love." Elaine Carter, 347-3294, is general chairperson; Dolores Simmons, 347-0193, is publicity chairperson.

Tickets may be purchased by calling any member of the Sorority.

County students on Dean's List at West Alabama

The University of West Alabama has released the Dean's List for fall quarter and appearing on the list were two Coffee County students.

From Elba - D'Undray Peterson; New Brockton - Brandon LaPointe. To be included on the Dean's List a student must maintain a 3.25 average on a 4-point system, and carry a course load of 14 quarter hours.

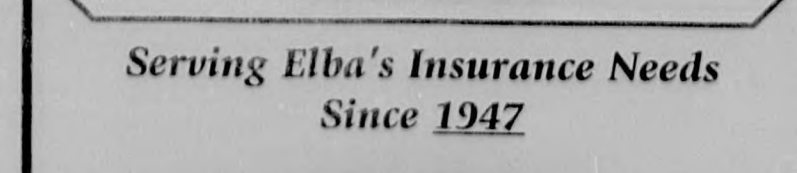
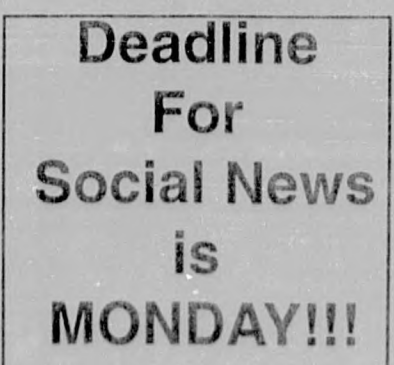


Amanda Reeves

Amanda Reeves celebrates her 1st birthday

Amanda Reeves, daughter of Larry and Cindy Reeves, celebrated her first birthday Nov. 25, with family members.

Amanda is the granddaughter of Bobby and Lanette Bottwell, and Carlton and Lenora Reeves, all of Elba.



CHURCH

Newbia Baptist Church to present Christmas cantata

The Newbia Baptist Church Adult Choir will present a cantata, "Christmas: I Love to Tell the Story," on Sunday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m.

The cantata was written and arranged by Russell Mauldin. The public is invited. Refreshments and a time of fellowship will follow the service.



ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA
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***Scripture: Matthew 16:13-23

***Thinking of you, praying for you: Curtis Middleton, Pearl Tillis, the Snipes family, John and Addie Burnett, Felicia Belcher, I.D. Coon, Jerry Chandler & family, Pearl Mincey, NeLacy Bailey, Rev. T.J. Somers.

***December Birthdays: Anthony Kelley - Dec. 11; Grover Belcher - Dec. 23; Mary Nell Belcher Harris - Dec. 25; Shane Williams - Dec. 25.

***The annual banquet of the YWA Red Circle, Salem Enterprise Association, Mother and Daughter, Grandmother, will be held at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Enterprise, Rev. Paul Grider, pastor, Dec. 12, at 6 p.m.; theme: Deut. 6:1-9.

Welcome and occasion - Andrea Williams and Billis Davidson; St. Mary's Choir; Sis. Barbara Tillis to introduce speaker, Sis. Fabrice Tillis; solo by Sis. Miranda Williams; presentation by Sis. Mary Jolley; remarks - Sis. Sherlene Page and Sis. Mary Harris; Mistress of Order, Sis. Brandi Head; special guests - John's Girls of Johns Chapel A.M.E. Church.

***Revel at Triumph the Church and Kingdom of God in Christ, Enterprise, Dec. 9, 10 and 11 at 7 p.m.; guest speaker - apostle-elect Bishop Darryl Taylor Sr., Albany, Ga. It's Jubilee time - a day of Blessing! 1 Peter 2:9, evangelist Clare Whitcraft, state missionary, Elder W.B. Williams - shepherd; Bishop W.B. Crawford - presiding bishop. For more information call 923-6285 / 347-5676.

***First annual Christmas banquet to be held at Elba High School Dec. 12, 5 - 9 p.m. Theme is "Love, Joy and Peace" hosted by Troy District Scholastic Ministries (SMMS). Cost is \$5.00 per person. attire - formal/semi-formal.

***Youth Need to Know: African American History. Did you know about these Black inventors? *W.B. Purvis - fountain pen, Jan. 7, 1890

*Onesimus - small pox inoculation, 1721. He brought his method from Africa where advanced medical practices were in use long before the Europeans had any medical knowledge.

*Dr. Charles Drew - invented and established blood banks all over the world - 1940

*Dr. Daniel Hale Williams - first open heart surgery - 1893

*Henry Blair - automatic seed planter - 1897

*Nestle Billieux - sugar refining system - Dec. 6, 1846

*L.S. Burridge and N.R. Marsh - typewriter - 1885

*Alexander Miles - elevator - Dec. 11, 1887

*W.H. Sammons - hot comb - Dec. 21, 1920

***The annual Deacon and Deaconess Day of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Tarentum, was held Dec. 6 at 2 p.m., theme: Acts 6:3. Members of Rocky Head Baptist Church attending were Ernestine B. Kelley, Wallace and Mattie Belcher, Rev. Ronnie Caldwell, Lesa, Brandi and Brittany, J.L. and Estella Williams, Bessie Williams, Arbetta, Melissa Kelley, Grover and Eria Belcher.

***An Appreciation Program for Bro. Henry Terry will be held at St. Beulah Missionary Baptist Church, Enterprise, on Dec. 13, at 3 p.m. Rev. Dr. V.J. Coleman is pastor.

***Today is a good day! Be grateful!

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Anoosh Bullock to speak at Grace Christian Fellowship

Anoosh Bullock will speak at Grace Christian Fellowship in Level Plains, Thursday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m.

Ms. Bullock will talk about the persecuted church in the former Soviet Union, and how she, as a young Armenian girl trapped behind the Iron Curtain, "reached her impossible dream by persistent faith and dedication to the Christ of her childhood."

Shiloh Baptist offers rides to residents

Shiloh Baptist Church now has a van available to pick up anyone who needs a ride to church services, and to return them to their home. Pickups are made Wednesday nights, Sunday mornings and Sunday nights.

Anyone wishing a ride to Shiloh Baptist at any of these times may call Jeff Smith at 897-2946.

MUSTARD SEED GROUP NEWS

The Mustard Seed Foundation Seniors met Dec. 3, for fellowship, games, and a luncheon.

Those attending included Diane Hudson, Mattie Lou Goodson, Louise Wambles, Tup Smart, Dorothy Nell Crawley, Zealton Smith, Mary Sevey, Johnny Hall, Rita Sondergaard, Evelyn Smith, Pauline Wood, Ted Smart, and two visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Smart (Rita Sondergaard's parents).

For information or to join the Mustard Seed group, call 897-6647 or 735-2453.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE There will be a Watch Night service at the Foundation on Dec. 31, beginning at 7 o'clock. Featured groups to provide song service include Ron and Rita Sondergaard, The Living Proof, Derrick Snellgrove, and others.

The church is located in the Victoria Community on Coffee Co. Rd. 211.

The Dixie Echoes will appear at Holloway Tabernacle of God, Dec. 12, at 6:30 p.m. A love offering will be received.

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• Prostate Surgery

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• Female Prolapse

• Evaluation of Blood in Urine

• Vasectomy

Tracy Stewart to speak at Battens Praise Center

Tracy Stewart will conduct revival services at Battens Praise and Worship Center Dec. 18 and 19 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 20 at the 10 a.m. service.

Everyone is invited to these services. Battens Center is located at 4941 Hwy. 27, Enterprise. For more information call 334/393-1937.

alcohol abuse, and the occult," said a spokesperson at Battens. "Then, as a teenager she met Jesus Christ who delivered her from the life she was living."

As a young girl, Tracy suffered abuse and hardship, and in her search for love and acceptance she drifted into a world of drug and

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SCHOOLS

Rebel Spirit

by John Arnold
The members of all of Zion Chapel varsity basketball teams are wearing new winduits to their away games. The winduits are in two pieces, red pants and a red jacket with an all-star emblem on them. The jackets have white accents on the sleeves, and a basketball emblem with the words *Zion Chapel Rebels* around it.

The winduits cost \$75 and the school and the players contributed to the price.

Driving School

by Charlie Maddox
Some youthful offenders have to attend Driving School. The required attendance was a result of getting a speeding ticket. If a person is stopped for speeding, and is 18 or younger, they can plead youthful offender. If the judge accepts the plea, the ticket does not go on their record. The youthful offender plea can only be used once. Then the judge decides whether or not to give them the option of paying the full price of the ticket or paying \$35 and attend Driving School.

Driving School is held in Enterprise on Thursdays from 6:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. According to the students, it is similar to a driver's education course and is not very exciting. After completing the course, a certificate is presented to the person or persons who pass the test.



Zion Chapel High School REBEL NEWS

Blake Weeks, Editor
Rachel Bryan, Sponsor

Sights Of St. Louis

by Carissa and Alisha Walker
The students who attended the National FHA Cluster meeting had a great time and saw many things. Not only was it a fun learning experience, they got to see some memorable sights.

The excitement started when they pulled out of the school parking lot on that Thursday afternoon. They were following a group of New Brockton FHA members. Even though there were 7 people plus their luggage stuffed in a minivan, the group kept their spirits up. They made many stops on the way but eventually made it to Cadiz, Kentucky, by 3 a.m. It was dark but you could still see the rolling countryside. The group spent the night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Macatee on the outskirts of Cadiz. The Macatees are the parents of Mrs. Paula Maddox, New Brockton's FHA sponsor. The next morning they awoke to a country breakfast waiting for them in the dining room, prepared by Mrs. Macatee. Once they were on the road again they were able to see all of the beautiful scenery.

Finally, they crossed the Mississippi River and were in St. Louis.

Louis. The Arch could be seen from the bridge. Everybody was expecting a big glorious city, but all they saw was shabby, run down buildings. Oops. Wrong turn. Once they got back on track, they saw all the skyscrapers and fancy stores. They found their hotel, which was the Regal Riverfront. It was very nice. At the top was the slowly revolving restaurant from which a person could see the lights of the casinos.

The leaves on the trees were many shades of orange, yellow, and red. The Coffee County group did not stop at Union Station, an old train station that is now a mall. They saw Busch Stadium, where Mark McGuire broke the record for the most home runs in one season. Even the little things were fun to see. Such as, a limo with flames painted down the sides, an entire wedding party riding through town in a trolley, and a newswoman riding in a horse-drawn buggy. The cobblestone roads were quite a change, along with the man on the street corner preaching.

The students really enjoyed the trip and the many exciting things they saw.

Students Attend FHA Cluster Meeting

by Angie Laney
On November 19-21, 1998 Angie Laney, Carissa Walker, Alisha Walker, April Morgan, Michelle McIntosh and Charlie Maddox attended the FHA/HERO Cluster Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri.

This was the largest Cluster Meeting in FHA/HERO history, with over 5,000 members in attendance.

The Zion Chapel FHA members arrived in St. Louis on Friday November 19, 1998 at approximately 4:00 p.m. The first meeting did not start until 8:00 p.m.

The first session was the Opening General Session. At the General Session, the National Officers that would be conducting the Cluster Meeting were introduced. The National officers that were there were Brooke Roberts, Conrad Lucas, Patrick Correa, and Becca Hinson.

The purpose of the National officers was to coordinate the General Sessions and present workshops on Saturday and Sunday.

During the session they performed a skit on the National Project "Career Connections" and discussed general goals for the project. After the discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

On Saturday there were many workshops that could be attended. They were scheduled to last from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This year the National Headquarters decided to let the workshops to go over the

National Projects. That way chapter members and advisors could get a better idea of what the National Projects are and how they can get involved.

The Zion Chapel members attend such workshops as Career Connections, Families First, Leaders at Work in Food Service, Japanese Exchange Program, and the Power of One. Each person brought back information that will help them in carrying out these projects in Zion Chapel's chapter.

Sunday was the last day of the Cluster Meeting. The Closing

General meeting was held. At this session, slides were shown from the workshops that had taken place during the three day meeting. Alisha Walker, Chapter Vice-president, was shown on the slide show. She was doing an activity at the Career Connection workshop. Then there was a motivational speaker who highlighted the reasons that FHA members should stay involved in FHA/HERO and never give up on their dreams. After he spoke, Conrad Lucas, the presiding officer, gave a few closing remarks and the meeting was adjourned.



Pictured above are (l-r): front row - April Morgan and Angie Laney; back row - Alisha Walker, Charlie Maddox, and Carissa Walker.

Rebel Basketball Roundup

by Josh Faircloth

ZION CHAPEL WINS 4 GAMES AS JUNIOR HIGH SEASON STARTS OFF

ZC V. KINSTON-BOYS

The Zion Chapel Seventh Grade team traveled to play the Kinston Bulldogs. Zion Chapel trailed 21-5 at halftime and were never able to pull back in it as Kinston won 32-9. The Rebels were led in scoring by Jonah McWaters with 5 points. Jeremy Eddins, Josh Roberts, and Jarred Flowers added 2 points each. The Rebels committed 17 team fouls and were 1-5 from the free-throw line.

ZC V. FLEETA-BOYS

The eighth grade boys opened up the season with a 46-29 victory over Fleeta. Zion Chapel led 22-13 at the half and ended up with the win. Sam Wambles and Jonah Edmondson led the Rebels with 13 points each. Brandon Arnold added 11. Michael Rayburn had 6 and James Simmons finished the Rebel scoring with 3 points. The Rebels committed 12 team fouls while Fleeta committed 14. The Rebels finished 9-22 from the free-throw line.

ZC V. KINSTON-BOYS

The Eighth Grade Junior High team held a 20-13 lead at halftime and never gave up as they defeated the Kinston Bulldogs 49-39. The Rebels were led in scoring by Jonah Edmondson with 18 points. Brandon Arnold pitched in 14 and Sam Wambles rounded out the double figure scoring with 10 points. Michael Rayburn added 7 to finish off the Rebel scoring. The Rebels committed 13 team fouls. Coach Grant received 2 technical fouls and was ejected from the game. The Rebels shot 18-28 from the free-throw line.

ZC V. FLEETA-BOYS

The Zion Chapel Seventh Grade team opened up their season with a 51-15 loss to Fleeta. Fleeta led 22-11 at the half and never looked back. Zion Chapel was led by Josh Roberts with 6. Janey White and Brad Cotton both scored 4. Jonah McWaters finished the Rebel scoring with 1 point. Zion Chapel and Fleeta both had 6 team fouls and the Rebels were 1-6 from the free-throw line.

ZC V. GOSHEN-BOYS

The Junior High boys trailed 21-8 at halftime and were never able to pull out the win as Goshen defeated Zion Chapel 45-12. The Rebels were led in scoring by Jonah Edmondson with 5 points. Brandon Arnold added 4, while Michael Rayburn pitched in with 2 points. Chris Summerlin rounded out the scoring with 1 point. The Rebels committed 9 team fouls and had 1 technical. The Rebels were 2-7 from the free-throw line.

ZC V. KINSTON-BOYS

The Junior High boys won over Kinston 28-26. The Rebels trailed at the half 17-13, but were able to pull out the come from behind victory. The Rebels were led in scoring by Sam Wambles with 9 points. Brandon Arnold added 5, and Jonah Edmondson, James Simmons and Michael Rayburn added 4 each. Jonah McWaters finished the Rebel scoring with 2 points. The Rebels committed 13 team fouls and were 7-16 from the free-throw line.

ZC V. G.W. LONG-BOYS

Zion Chapel trailed G.W. Long 37-13 at the half and were never able to pull back into it as Long won it 63-27. The Rebels were led in scoring by Brandon Arnold with 9 points. Jonah Edmondson added 6 points. Michael Rayburn and Sam Wambles added 5 each and Jeremy Eddins finished the scoring with 2 points. The Rebels committed 10 team fouls and were 7-20 from the free-throw line.

ZC V. G.W. LONG-BOYS

The Junior High Boys trailed 18-6 at halftime and were unable to pull off the victory as G.W. Long won 41-17. The Rebels were led in scoring by Brandon Arnold with 5 points. Jonah Edmondson added 4, while Michael Rayburn and Randall Brunson each had 3. Jon Sanders rounded out the Rebel scoring with 2 points. The Rebels committed 12 team fouls and shot 5-14 from the free-throw line.

ZC V. FLEETA-GIRLS

The Zion Chapel Junior High girls opened up their season with a 34-8 loss to Fleeta. The girls trailed 20-8 at halftime and were never able to pull out the win. Zion Chapel was led by Brandy Mehaffey with 4 points. Megan Legg and Ashley Wallace pitched in with 2 points. Zion Chapel committed 11 team fouls, while Fleeta committed 12. Zion Chapel was 0-8 from the free-throw line.

ZC V. GOSHEN-GIRLS

The Junior High Girls lost to Goshen 26-16. The score at the half was very close as the Goshen girls led 10-7. Zion Chapel was led in scoring by Megan Legg with 6 points. Shae Faulkner added 5 and Ashley Wallace pitched in with 3 points. Brandy Mehaffey rounded out the scoring with 2 points. The Rebels committed only 8 team fouls while Goshen committed 14. The Rebels were 4-9 from the free-throw line.

ZC V. KINSTON-GIRLS

The Junior High Girls traveled to Kinston and won over the Bulldogs 20-16. The girls led at halftime 10-4 and came out with a close, hard fought win. The Rebels were led in scoring by Megan Legg with 9 points. Shae Faulkner and Brandy Mehaffey pitched in 2 points, while Ashley Wallace added 2. Kacy Clark rounded out the scoring with 1 point. The Rebels committed 11 team fouls and were 2-6 from the free-throw line.

ZC V. KINSTON-GIRLS

The Junior High Girls trailed Kinston 10-4 at halftime and were unable to pull out the win as Kinston won 16-8. The Rebels were led in scoring by Tracy Banks with 4 points. Megan Legg and Ashley Wallace each added 2 as they finished off the Rebel scoring. The Rebels committed only 4 team fouls and were 0-2 from the free-throw line.

ZC V. G.W. LONG-GIRLS

The Junior High Girls trailed G.W. Long 16-6 at the half and were unable to pull off the victory as G.W. Long won 36-14. The Rebels got 4 each from Megan Legg and Kacy Clark. Tracy Banks, Brandy Mehaffey, and Ashley Wallace added 2 for the Rebels. The Rebels committed 10 team fouls and were hit with one technical.

SUPPORT REBEL BASKETBALL

Tiger Tales



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Home Of The Benz

by Brad Holley

Vance Alabama is the new home of the M-Class Mercedes Benz Plant. For car lovers, this is a dream come true. Upon Elba High School students' arrival at the plant, they were issued a pair of safety glasses and a headset. The first step was to watch a video of the ground-breaking ceremonies, the grand opening, and much more. After viewing the video they went on to see just exactly how that vehicle was made.

During this mile-long tour, they were able to see how the various parts of the vehicle were put together. They also visited the paint room, where it took eleven hours to paint a single M-Class Sport Vehicle. From there, they viewed the joining of the body to its frame. As they walked down the aisle there sat the finished product, as they stood in awe of the new Mercedes M-Class Sport Utility Vehicle.



Students Learn About The M-Class Sport Vehicle

Elba Elementary School Menu Dec. 14 - 18, 1998

BREAKFAST

Monday - Cinnamon Toast, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Tuesday - Pancakes w/Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Breakfast Pizza, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Cereal, Toast & Jelly, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Pizza, Broccoli w/Cheese, Corn on the Cob, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Tuesday - Cheeseburger, French Fries, Tomato, Lettuce, Dill Pickles, Peach
Wednesday - Hot Dog, Tater Tots, California Vegetables, 1/2 Orange, Milk
Thursday - Turkey Wiggle, Cranberry Sauce, Garden Peas, Corn, Sweet Potato Patty, Ice Cream, Milk
Friday - Dismiss at 11:10 - NO LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

Elba Elementary Honor Roll - First Nine Week

A HONOR ROLL 1ST GRADE

Stephen Bryant, Taylor Creel, Dominick Horstead, Hannah Miller, Brent Ordway, Summer Blackmon, Brandon Byrd, Jabari Cole, Robby Forbes, Lindsay Haley, Dylan Hays, Tevin Tyson, Janae Carter, Taylor Cotton, Shelly Hutchinson, Shawanda Whitfield, Timothy Jackson, Amanda Mauldin, Elena McCormick

Brian Blair, Chase Boutwell, Katie Cash

2ND GRADE

Ashley Bailey, Jordan McBride, Dustin Dorsey, April Finefore, Drew Ellis, Shelby Brunson, Dylan McCollough, Laquita Reed, Bradley Wilson, Janison Baker, Brock Caldwell, Cody Sasser, Cortlin Lee, Kydra Tillis, Kyru Coleman, Seth Coleman, Brittany Davis, Andrew Head, Autumn Sasser, Mercedes Stevens, Kolea Burrows, Kelly Corder, Michael Jackson, Alex McCauley, Shelby Moore, Maizie Thomas, Kydron Tillis, Meredith Brunson, Griffin Cash, Chessie Cross, David Maddaloni, Jason Mitchell, Megan Sullivan

Kevin Allen, Tyrease Daniels, Jonathan Kelley, Keke Oliver, Kashundra Hardwick, Ryan Pope, Shanna Simmons, Latanda Tyson, Brock Lambert, Kareem Silar, A.J. Watson, Dean Turner, Shaheeka Tyson, D.J. McKee, Jeannette Burks, Jessica Berry, Marcus Caldwell, Jessica Lockett, Romie Roberts, Seth Walden

3RD GRADE

Deymond Williams, Martin McCormick, Don Rhoades, Justin Pike, Tatiana Parker, Bobby Hudson, Will Ray, Ashley Carpenter, Tiffany Bryan, Jeremy Grissett, Cindy McAdams, Austin Parrish, Christopher Salter, Tierney Starks, Dimitrio Tyson, Megan Anderson, Matthew Gibson, Justin Hammonds, Cordell Hooks, Trey Martin, Brittany Phillips

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4TH GRADE

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Kevin Allen, Tyrease Daniels, Jonathan Kelley, Keke Oliver, Kashundra Hardwick, Ryan Pope, Shanna Simmons, Latanda Tyson, Brock Lambert, Kareem Silar, A.J. Watson, Dean Turner, Shaheeka Tyson, D.J. McKee, Jeannette Burks, Jessica Berry, Marcus Caldwell, Jessica Lockett, Romie Roberts, Seth Walden

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SCHOOLS

Elba High Students Take A Road Trip To Vance

by Julie Roberson

On September 15 thirty-two students from Elba High School were rewarded with a trip to Vance, Alabama to visit the Mercedes Benz plant. This was a chance for the students to have a day without school and to see the making of a Mercedes Benz right in front of their eyes. It was definitely a memorable experience for the students.

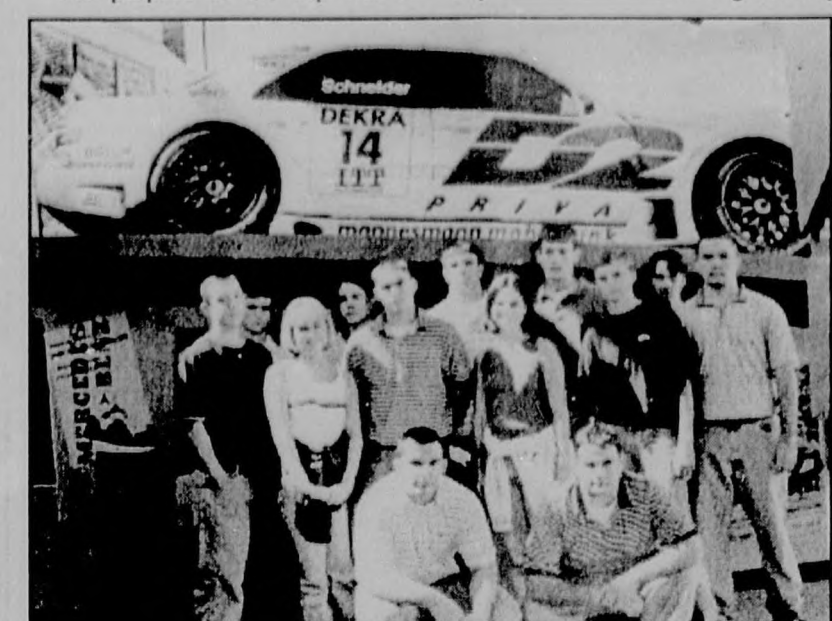
The purpose of the trip was to

reward the students for participating in the Shadowing Program sponsored by McArthur State Technical College. Last year on February 2, Ground Hog Day, students were given the opportunity to spend the day with a person whose occupation interested them. That way the curious students could see exactly what it was done in their area of interest and could experience the worker's every day actions. This was a great way

for the students to see if they really wanted to do that particular occupation in the near future. This program was an excellent learning experience for the students.

Along with the thirty-two stu-

three people we would not have gotten to experience this trip. Since the trip to Vance was three hours long, the students had to depart by 5:00 that morning in order to get to the plant by 8:00. The stu-



Several Students Check Out The Race Car

Students Tour Mercedes Benz Visitor Center

by Laura Crowe

When the Elba High School students first arrived at the Mercedes Benz

SPORTS

Views from

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

The Mularz's Christmas tree went down in the flood back in March, and to put it mildly, Melissa and Melanie are both very unhappy about the tree that Mom and Dad picked out as a replacement. We thought we had found a real good deal when we got a new artificial tree; however, I'll have to admit that it didn't look all that good, even after it was decorated. We've promised the girls we'll get another tree before Christmas, even if we have to put the other "new tree" back in the box. Still looking!

ELBA TIGERS MAKING BIG NOISE ON BASKETBALL COURT

The Elba Tigers pushed their early-season record to 6-1 last week with wins over Zion Chapel and Opp, and have become one of the hottest teams in South Alabama after three weeks of high school action. The Tigers have two wins over the 1A Rebels on their slate, while other wins have come over 2A power New Brockton, 4A Ashford, 5A Opp and 1A power G.W. Long. The key to the Tigers' early-season success is their defensive pressure. Elba keeps the pressure on its opponent throughout the game, and its man-to-man defense has really sparked the Tigers to their success this season. The man-to-man pressure also takes its toll on the Tigers, however, and if they have a weakness it may be a lack of scoring punch when Coach Johnston goes to his bench to let his starters catch their breath. Elba is not a high-scoring team even when its starting line-up is on the court, and when the reserves get on the court, sometimes it is hard to figure out just where the points are going to come from. If the Tigers can keep up their defensive pressure, and improve on the offensive end, they could very well be headed for one of their best seasons in quite some time!

One of the Tigers that people need to keep an eye on is senior Mark Wicker. Wicker is a two-year starter for the Tigers at forward, and really hangs on both ends of the court for all four quarters. What makes his performance even more impressive is that Wicker is a diabetic, but refuses to allow the condition to even slow him down on the court. Mark Wicker's medical condition is not a handicap, it is a challenge, and one that the talented senior has certainly overcome as he has made huge strides to become a standout on the court.

ELBA LADY TIGERS OFF TO 4-2 START ON '98-'99 SEASON

The Elba Lady Tigers have claimed four wins in their opening six games, and the fast start by the Lady Tigers has the players and fans thinking about a winning season and trip to the playoffs. The Lady Tigers struggled a year ago while in the learning stages, but this season have taken a giant step toward becoming a winning basketball team and are off and running. Coach Carnley has stated that the girls still have a lot to learn, and while that is certainly true, they are learning their lessons well and the early-season grades are very high.

One young Lady Tiger to keep an eye on is 8th-grader LaGina Mack. Mack played city recreation ball only two years ago, but moved up to the junior high team last season and now is the starting point-guard for the high school team. In three games last week, Mack scored a total of 35 points, an average of almost 12 points a game, and led the team on the court with her ball-handling and court awareness. Mack is still very young and has a lot to learn about the game; however, she is already one of the Lady Tigers' top players and is making a name for herself at a very young age.

AREA TEAMS OFF TO FAST STARTS ON COURT

The high school basketball season is off and running, and for the teams in the area it has already been a season of ups and downs. Here's a quick look at what has already taken place....

****NEW BROCKTON (1-2)** lost its opener to Elba almost three weeks ago and finally came back last week and claimed its first victory with a big win over Kinston. The Gamecocks return four starters from last year's squad and have the talent to win a lot of games, but it may take the Gamecocks a little while to get into the flow after such a slow start. This team will be one worth watching.

****KINSTON (2-5)** surprised some people with some early-season wins, and despite hitting a victory drought in recent action, may be one of the real surprise teams in the area. The Bulldogs have a team short on experience and definitely short on height, but Coach Gary Glass has the team playing to its maximum potential and the "Dogs have already shown that they can jump up and grab a win when you least expect it. Don't count these "Dogs out.

****ZION CHAPEL (2-5)** has one of its best teams in years and should be a fun team to watch as the season progresses. The Rebels have seen the state's top offensive players in Josh Grantham, and if you haven't seen this guy play, you have really missed something. The rest of the Rebels also play hard and have skill, and when they put it all together, this bunch of Rebels will be hard to beat. Keep an eye on 'em.

BRANTLEY BULLDOGS BRING HOME STATE 1A TITLE

The Brantley Bulldogs claimed the Class 1A state high school football championship over the weekend with a heart-stopping 24-21 win over previously undefeated Parrish, and if there was ever a team that earned the title "State Champion," it was this bunch of Bulldogs! Brantley played one of the state's toughest schedules during the regular season, and when the Bulldogs made it to the state playoffs the schedule got even tougher. According to Ted Hall's "Power Ratings," Brantley defeated #10 A.L. Johnson in the opening round of the playoffs, #4 St. Jude in Round Two and #5 Florida in Round Three. In the semifinals the Bulldogs upset #2 Notasulga, and in the championship game it was #1 Parrish that fell to the Bulldog Express. Brantley was ranked #3 in the final power ratings, but to defeat five teams all ranked in the Top 10 over a course of five weeks is truly amazing. One thing for sure - there can be no doubt that Brantley is #1.

Brantley has many months to celebrate the state championship, but there is also no doubt that the pressure to repeat will be tremendous in '99. The Bulldogs started only two seniors on this year's championship team, which means that next year's squad will return almost intact. Enjoy the '98 title, but get ready - next year every team in the state will have its sights set on Brantley.

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Tigers bounce Bobcats 67-57



Elba's Eric Jordan (4) goes up for a layup in a recent Tiger win. Jordan has helped the Tigers to a 6-1 start on the season.

Late Goshen rally sends Tigers to first loss of season 58-49

The Elba Tigers suffered their first loss of the young season last Tuesday night in Goshen as the Goshen Eagles staged a fourth-quarter rally to down the Tigers 58-49. The loss left the Tigers with a 4-1 record, while Goshen improved to 2-0 with the win.

The Tigers had their problems finding the basket in the opening stanza and fell behind 17-6 after one quarter, but settled down in the second quarter and by the end of the half had cut the deficit to 32-27. Elba continued its comeback in the third stanza and moved ahead 42-41, but the Eagles regained command in the closing stanza and pulled away late to down the Tigers 58-49.

Tim Ware scored 14 points to lead Elba, while Wayne Reed added 12 and Mark Wicker scored 10. Wright scored 16 to lead Goshen.

G 17 15 9 17 - 58
E 6 21 15 7 - 49

New Brockton and Kinston dominate All-SCAC football and volleyball picks

The South Central Alabama Conference recently selected its 1998 "All Conference" teams in football and volleyball, with New Brockton dominating the football picks and Kinston leading the way in volleyball.

Named to the SCAC All-Conference team from New Brockton were Lee Flowers, Jason Downing, Pate Harrison, Kellen Cole and Charlie Diggers, while Kinston players named to the squad included Ricky Morris and Josh Harrison. G.W. Long's Coach

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The Elba Tigers used a big third quarter to pull ahead and held on down the stretch to down the Opp Bobcats 67-57, Friday night in Elba.

The win improved the Tigers' record to 6-1, while the Bobcats slipped to 0-3 with the loss.

The Tigers got off to a slow start in the opening stanza and trailed 5-4 with 4:26 left in the quarter, but rallied late behind the play of Mark Wicker and owned a 15-10 advantage heading into the second quarter.

Elba worked the ball inside to sophomore center Tim Ware in the second quarter and opened up a 21-12 lead with 5:53 left in the half, only to see Opp battle back late in the stanza and cut the Tiger lead to 33-28 by intermission.

Tim Ware got hot again from inside in the third quarter as the Tigers took command and opened up a 53-36 lead, and Elba then held on down the stretch as the reserves got in on the action and mopped up the 67-57 win.

Tim Ware poured in 25 points to lead Elba, while Eric Jordan added 14.

Elba Tigers whip Zion Chapel for second time this season

The Elba Tigers bounced back from their first loss of the season Thursday night with an impressive 51-30 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels, in Jack.

The win upped Elba's record to 5-1, while Zion Chapel slipped to 2-4 with the loss.

The Tigers came out in their patented man-to-man defense and shut down the Rebel offensive attack as they grabbed a 14-4 advantage after one quarter of play.

Elba saw its own offensive output struggle in the second quarter as the Rebels closed to within 20-15 at the half, but the Tigers regained command in the third quarter and sparked by the play of Mark Wicker and Tim Ware opened up a 35-21 advantage.

The final stanza was simply more of the same as the Tigers emptied their bench and allowed everyone to get in on the action as Elba rolled to the big 51-30 win.

Tim Ware scored 11 points to lead a balanced Elba attack, while Daniel Murdoch added 8. Josh Faircloth, Bo Adkinson and Junior Jones led Zion Chapel with 6 points each.

Goshen (58): Berry 1, Thornton 2, Darby 11, Wright 16, Rogers 6, Tucker 10, Simmons 12.

Elba (49): Jordan 6, Hill 12, Hodge 3, Duncan 7, Reed 12, Wicker 10, Ware 14.

HIGH SCHOOL & JUNIOR HIGH

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

Dauphin at Elba Junior (5:00) 8G/8B

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

Elba at Slocomb (5:00) JV/VG/VB

Georgiana at New Brockton (4:30) JV/VG/VB

Kinston at Geneva County (5:00) JV/VG/VB

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

New Brockton at Arlton (12:00) JV/VG/VB

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

Samson at Kinston (4:30) JV/VG/VB

New Brockton at Zion Chapel (5:00) JV/VG/VB

Opp at Elba Junior (4:30) 7B/8G/8B

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Lady Tigers claim two wins to improve record to 4-2

The Elba Lady Tigers hit the court three times last week and claimed two big wins to move their record for the season to 4 wins and 2 losses.

Following are highlights of all three games:

ELBA 48 GOSHEN 36

The Elba Lady Tigers pulled ahead early and then pulled away late to down the Goshen Lady Eagles 48-36, last Tuesday night in Goshen.

The Lady Tigers held a slim 9-6 lead after one quarter and led only 18-16 at the half, but took charge in the final two quarters and rolled to the impressive road win.

Detria Jones scored 13 points to lead Elba, while Teleisha Daniels and LaGina Mack both added 10. Duncan and Ellis both scored 12 points for Goshen.

E 9 9 12 15 - 48
G 6 10 10 10 - 36

Elba (48): Jones 13, Daniels 10, Boyd 2, McKinnon 8, Bludsworth 2, Skinner 3, Mack 10.

Goshen (36): Minard 2, Miles 6, Z.C. (30), Ward 16, Eddins 4, Kidd 10.

ELBA 37 OPP 63

The Elba Lady Tigers fell behind early and never caught up Friday night as they fell to the Opp Lady Bobcats 63-37, in Elba.

Elba trailed only 18-13 after one quarter, but saw the Lady Bobcats open up a 36-25 halftime advantage and then watched as Opp pulled away to claim the big win.

LaGina Mack scored 15 points to lead Elba, while Crittenden scored 19 for Opp.

O 18 18 15 12 - 63
E 13 12 7 5 - 37

Opp (63): Niblett 7, Studevan 12, Smith 12, Williamson 13, Crittenden 19.

Elba (37): Jones 6, Boyd 5, McKinnon 8, Mack 15, Bludsworth 3.

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Elba's Roshanda McKinnon shoots a free-throw during a Lady Tiger win. McKinnon and the Lady Tigers have opened the season with a 4-2 record and will return to the court Friday night in Slocomb, for a key Area 3 clash.

Elba 8th grade Tigers up slate to 11-1

The Elba 8th grade basketball team hit the court a total of five times over the past two weeks and rolled to four wins to push its record for the season to 11-1 on the season. The 8th grade Tigers hosted the Andalusia Bulldogs and made it look easy in claiming a lopsided 49-20 win, in Elba. The Tigers pulled out to a big 24-7 halftime advantage and rolled to the easy win. Scoring for the Tigers were Marcus Henderson 10, Michael Sams 9, Terrance Kyles 9, Dougie Kyles 6, Kyle English 5, Jason Curran 5, Bart Barnes 2, Colby Skinner 2 and Cherrelle Edwards 1. Junior scored 9 points to lead Andalusia.

The 8th grade Tigers traveled to Enterprise and claimed an easy 69-33 win over Dauphin Junior, of Enterprise. The Tigers jumped out

to a 25-6 lead in the opening stanza and never looked back to post a lopsided win. Scoring for Elba were Marcus Henderson 22, Kyle English 19, Terrance Kyles 8, Dougie Kyles 6, Michael Sams 5, Quinton Moutry 5, Bart Barnes 2 and Jason Curran 2. Peoples led Dauphin with 16 points.

The 8th grade Tigers made the trip up to Troy and suffered their first loss of the season as the Charles Henderson Middle School Trojans claimed a wild 54-52 win, in double-overtime. The Tigers used a big third quarter to grab a 38-35 advantage, but saw the Trojans rally late to pull even and then claim the win in the second extra period. Scoring for Elba were Terrance Kyles 18, Marcus Henderson 14, Michael Sams 8, Jason Curran 5, Kyle English 4 and Bart Barnes 3. Burden led the Trojans with 13 points.

The 8th grade Tigers stayed on the road with a trip to Opp and barely escaped with a 37-32 win over the Opp Middle School Bobcats. The Tigers got off to a slow start and trailed 12-7 at the half, but pulled even at 22-22 after three quarters and then pulled away to claim the win. Scoring for Elba were Marcus Henderson 11, Terrance Kyles 10, Cherrelle Edwards 9, Kyle English 5, Jason Curran 2, Brown led Opp with 13 points.

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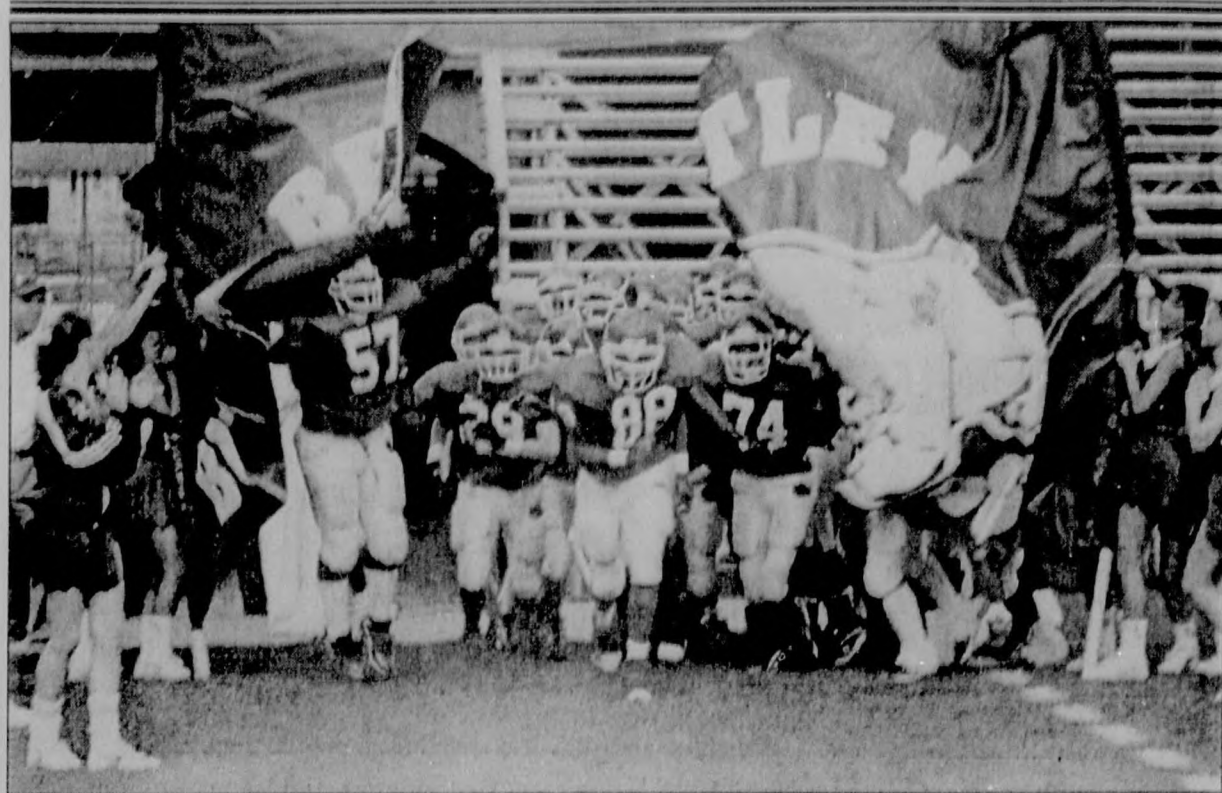
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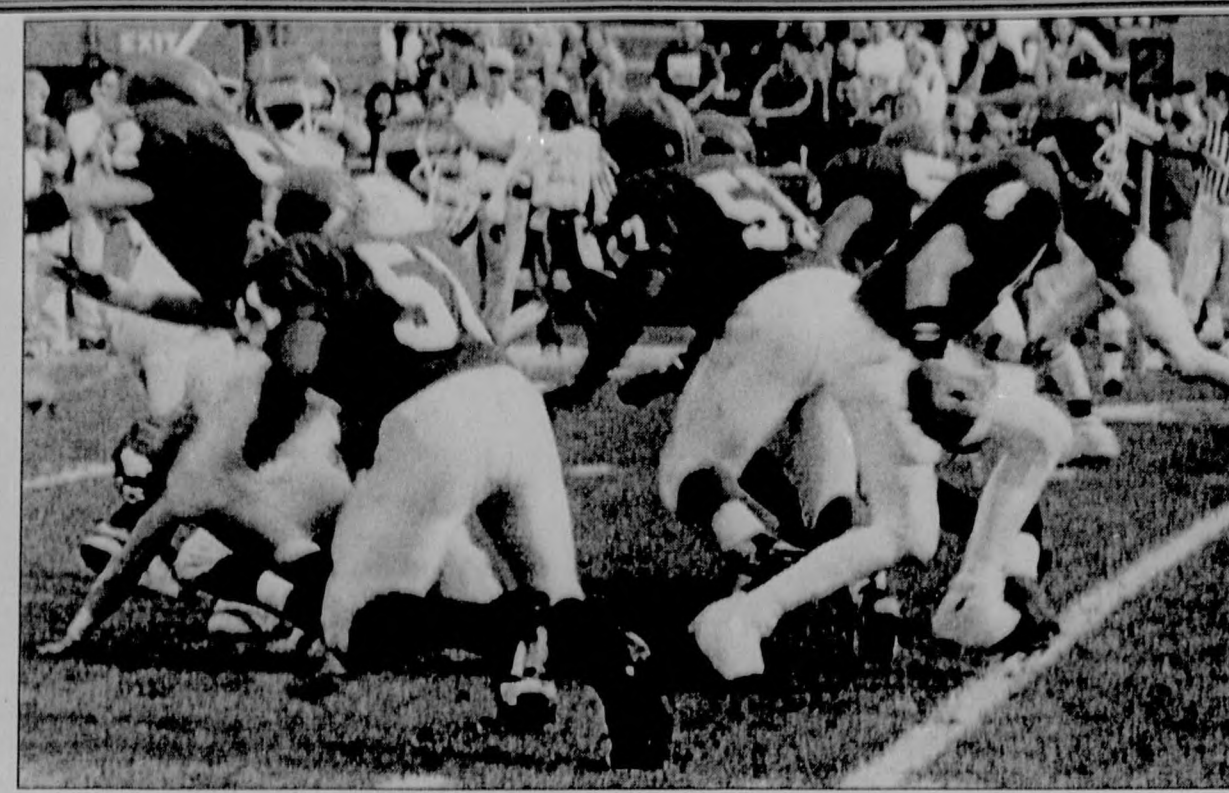
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SPORTS



HERE COME THE BULLDOGS! The Brantley Bulldogs enter the field prior to last week-end's state championship victory over Parrish. Leading the Bulldogs onto the field are Sergio Burnett (88), Gregory Daniels (57) and Michael Senn (74).



Brantley quarterback Andy Johnson (4) turns to make a pitch-out as Bulldog linemen **Lavon Brooks (51)**, **Stuart Mash (52)** and **Gregory Daniels (57)** fan out against the Parrish defense. The Bulldogs claimed the 1A state championship with a 24-21 win over the previously undefeated Tornados.

Brantley wins Class 1A state championship

Brantley Bulldogs bring it home!

By Greg Brunson, Sportswriter

Who's next????

There is nobody left! The Brantley Bulldogs completed their drive through five tough playoff opponents Saturday afternoon by claiming a thrilling 24-21, come-from-behind victory over the Parrish Tornados, in the Class 1A state championship game, held at Legion Field, in Birmingham.

The win left Brantley with a final record of 13-2 and marked the third time in the playoffs that the Bulldogs had defeated an undefeated power. Brantley had earlier eliminated (11-0) Florio 17-7 and (13-0) Notasulga 27-26, before handing (14-0) Parrish its only loss of the

season in the 1A title match-up.

Parrish received the opening kick-off and moved to a pair of first downs before being stopped by the aggressive Bulldog defense. Chris Williams punted the ball out of bounds at the Brantley 6-yardline, pinning Brantley deep in its own end of the field.

Two runs by Deon Jones moved the Bulldogs out to the 18-yardline, while a 29-yard completion from Andy Johnson to DeMario Wiley moved the 'Dogs into Parrish territory. The early scoring threat stalled, however, and Bo Daniels boomed a 40-yard punt that was fumbled by the Tornados. Brantley's Jonathan Smith pounced on the loose ball to put the Bulldogs right back in business at the Parrish 3-yardline.

Andy Johnson was sacked on third down as Brantley failed to get into the endzone, but Gregory Daniels salvaged three points for Brantley as he drilled a 37-yard field-goal to put the Bulldogs on top 3-0 with 2:25 left in the opening stanza.

Parrish took the ensuing kick and marched to the Brantley 5-yardline, only to once again see the Bulldog defense stiffen, and this time force a field-goal try. The snap on the field-goal attempt was mishandled, and the scoring threat went by the board as Brantley's Tyrell Knighten broke through to drop the Tornados' Ricky Paschal for a 9-yard loss.

Brantley's Bo Daniels was called upon to punt after the Bulldogs failed to move the chains, and while

his punt did carry 41 yards, Parrish's Marty Williams fielded the punt at the Tornados' 38-yardline and raced 62 yards for a Tornado touchdown. Julian Fielder added the extra-point and with 9:08 left in the half Parrish was on top 7-3.

Tyrone Knighten gave the Bulldogs excellent field position when he recovered a fumble at the Parrish 40-yardline, and Brantley cashed in on the turnover to regain the lead.

The Bulldogs went to their ground attack on the scoring drive, and behind the hard running of Bo Daniels moved inside the 10-yardline. Brantley faced a third down and nine after the Parrish defense stiffened, but Andy Johnson crossed up the Tornado defense and lofted a 9-yard touchdown pass to Zack Burnett in the corner of the endzone. Gregory Daniels nailed the extra-point and Brantley was back on top 10-7 with 1:59 still left in the second quarter.

Brantley moved to a pair of quick first downs as the second half opened, but the Bulldog scoring threat failed to put any points on the scoreboard, as Ricky Paschal intercepted an Andy Johnson pass at the Tornados' 25-yardline.

The Bulldogs appeared to get another break when on fourth down Tyrone Knighten broke through to block the Parrish punt. However, there was a wild scramble for the ball down field and the officials ruled that the ball had been touched by Brantley, and gave the ball back to Parrish.

The Bulldogs took advantage of the big break and marched to the Brantley 13-yardline, only to again be turned away empty-handed by the stingy Bulldog defense.

Bo Daniels turned the field-position around with a booming 64-yard punt, but this time the Tornados were determined to put points on the scoreboard, and marched 73 yards in 11 plays to regain the lead.

Desmond Woodward was the work-horse of the drive with 68 yards on 9 carries, while the touchdown came on a 1-yard plunge by Woodward up the middle of the Brantley defense. Fielder added the extra-point, and with 8:05 remaining in the fourth quarter Parrish had gone back on top 14-10.

Brantley roared back down the field and marched into scoring territory, only to see the drive stopped by

a fumble recovery by Ricky Paschal at the Tornado 19-yardline.

The Bulldogs got the ball back on the very next play, however, as Tyrone Knighten pounced on a Tornado fumble to put Brantley back in business at the Parrish 30-yardline.

Brantley wasted little time regaining the lead as Andy Johnson hit Zack Burnett for a 30-yard score on the very next play. Burnett pulled in the pass near the five-yardline and dove into the endzone for the Bulldog touchdown. Gregory Daniels added the extra-point and with 5:46 left in the game Brantley had moved back in front 17-14.

Neither team could move the chains on their next series, but the Tornados again showed their skills on special teams as on the Brantley punt Jason Clay fielded the ball, reversed his field after running into a wall of Bulldog defenders, and raced 63 yards for a touchdown. Fields added the extra-point, and with 2:49 left on the clock Parrish was back on top 21-17.

Zack Burnett returned the ensuing kick 10 yards to the Brantley 30-yardline, but the Bulldogs got a break when a penalty for a late hit moved the ball out to the 45.

An Andy Johnson pass on first down fell incomplete, and when Bo Daniels was knocked back for a one-yard loss on second down, the Bulldogs were in trouble as they faced a third-down-and-11 at their own 44-yardline.

The Bulldog coaches came up with the right call at the right time, as on the key third down play Bo Daniels pulled in a pitch-out, but then pulled up and fired a strike to Zack Burnett that resulted in a 48-yard gain that carried all the way to the Parrish 8-yardline.

Bo Daniels moved the ball to the Parrish 6-yardline on two tough runs, while a penalty against Parrish moved the ball to the 3-yardline. A run on third down failed to gain, and with the clock counting down, the Bulldogs lined up for the most important fourth down play in Brantley football history.

The hand-off went to Brantley standout Bo Daniels on the crucial fourth down play; however, this time Daniels slipped the ball to Andre Mitchell on a reverse, and Mitchell raced into the endzone untouched for the touchdown. Gregory Daniels booted the extra-

point and with only :04 left in the game Brantley had regained the lead 24-21.

Parrish returned the ensuing squib kick to its own 48-yardline, and the clock stopped with only :01 still left on the clock. It turned out to be a very long one second, however, as the Bulldogs were penalized for having twelve players on the field on what should have been the game's final play. The penalty wiped out a sack by Brantley's Rashad Owens and Rodney Wiley, and with :00 now showing on the clock, Parrish was awarded another play.

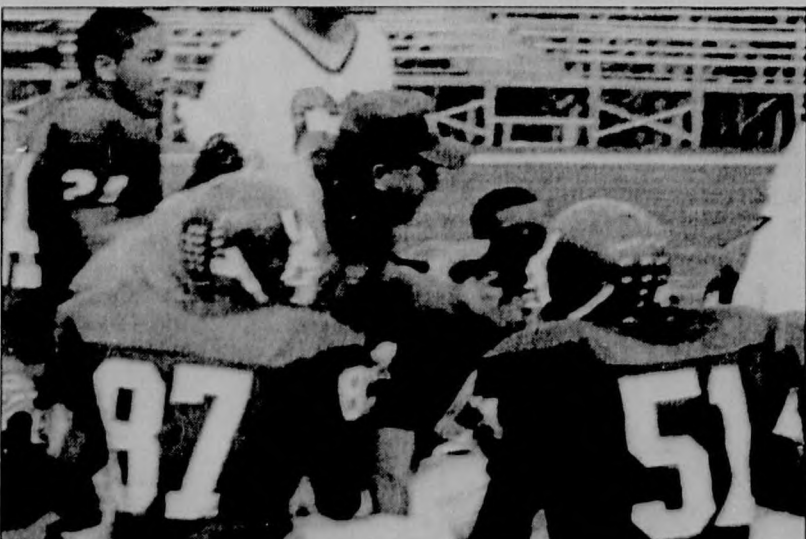
An off-sides penalty against Brantley moved the ball to the Bulldog 33-yardline, and the Parrish coaches chose to try for a 50-yard field-goal to send the game into overtime. The kick fell far short of its target, but a Brantley defender batted the ball down into the field of play and the Tornados recovered the fumble to keep the wild ending alive. Parrish made several lateral in an effort to get into the endzone, but the ball was finally downed back at the Brantley 10-yardline, and the Bulldogs and their fans finally got the chance to celebrate the wild 24-21 state championship win.

Bo Daniels gained 92 yards on 31 carries, completed 1 pass for 48 yards, punted 5 times for a 44-yard average, and played every single down on defense to earn the game's "Most Valuable Player" award. Zack Burnett caught 3 passes for 87 yards and 2 touchdowns. Parrish was led by Desmond Woodward with 146 yards on 28 carries.

STATISTICS

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11	1st Downs
45-118	Rushes-Yds.
116	Passing Yds.
234	Total Offense
4-10-1	Passes
44	Return Yds.
2	Fumbles Lost
8-80	Penalties-Yds.
5-44	Punts-Ave.

(Note: I would like to thank the coaches, players and fans of Brantley High School for a wonderful year. You have always made me feel welcome, and on Friday night's I felt more like I was at home than working at a ball game. s/Greg Brunson.)



Brantley assistant coach **Roland Jones, Jr.** talks with members of the Bulldog offense during a time-out. Listening to Coach Jones are **Deon Jones (24)**, **Shaun Person (87)** and **Lavon Brooks (51)**.



The Brantley Bulldog band took the field Saturday at halftime of the championship game against Parrish, in Legion Field.

SPORTS



A Brantley Bulldog defender holds on to a Parrish runner as help arrives. Other Brantley teammates coming to help make the stop are **Rodney Wiley (58)** and **Bobby Phillips (79)**. The Bulldogs won the Class 1A state championship with a 24-21 win Saturday in Birmingham.



Brantley sophomore **Gregory Daniels (57)** boots a first quarter field-goal to give the Bulldogs an early 3-0 lead. **Zack Burnett (1)** is doing the placement chores, while **Deon Jones (24)** slows down a Parrish defender in the Bulldogs' 24-21 state title victory.

1998 A.H.S.A.A. CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

The following are the results of last week's state championship games in the Alabama High School Athletics Association's "Super Six" football playoffs:

CLASS 1A

Brantley 24 Parrish 21

CLASS 2A

Southern Choctaw 16 Lineville 6

CLASS 3A

Briarwood 56 Randolph County 14

CLASS 4A

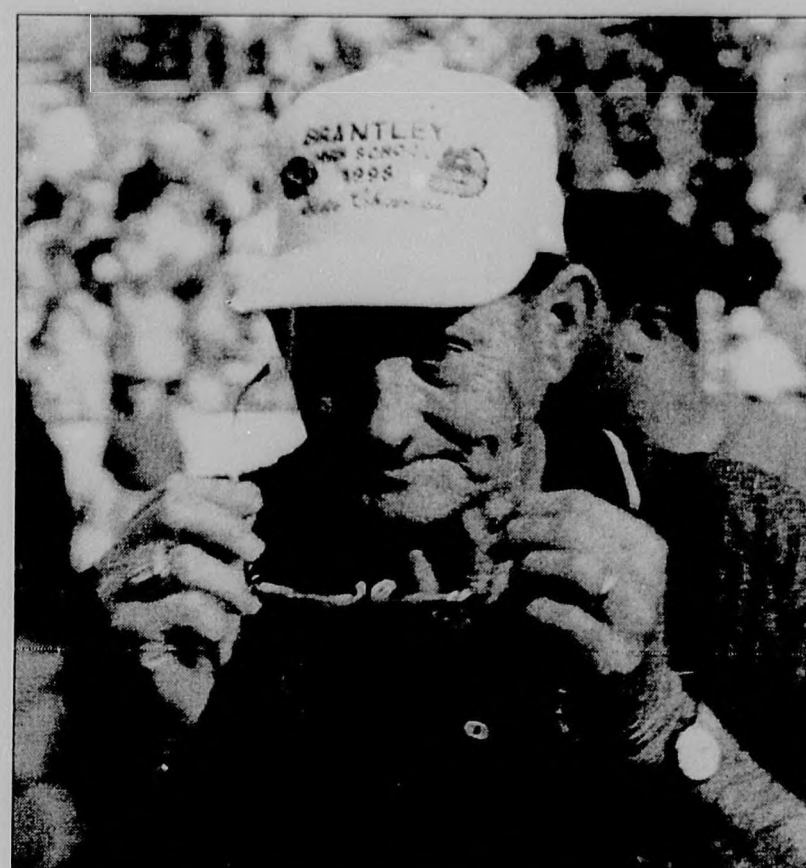
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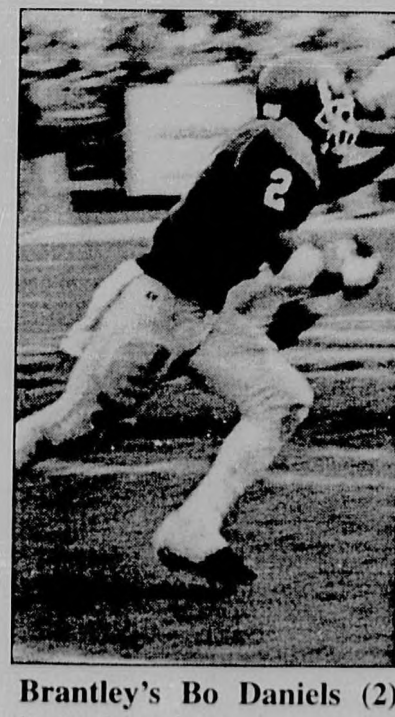
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Brantley's Coach **Roland Jones** removes his glasses before accepting the state championship trophy after Saturday's 24-21 state title win over Parrish. Coach Jones told his players before the game that it would be his last as coach of the Bulldogs. The Bulldogs gave him a going-away present he will never forget!

THANKS COACH JONES...FOR ALL THE MEMORIES AND THE TWO STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS!



Brantley's **Bo Daniels (2)** looks for running room as he heads downfield in the Bulldogs win over Parrish in the 1A title match-up.



A Bulldog celebration took place in the endzone at Legion Field following an early Brantley touchdown in its thrilling 24-21 state championship win over Parrish.



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National Guard members enjoy Christmas meal

The members of the Elba unit of the Alabama National Guard (Battery B3rd Bn 117th FA) enjoyed their annual family Christmas dinner Sunday. The unit cooks treated the troops and their family members to a full plate of barbecue pork, turkey and all the trimmings.

Following the meal, the children received gifts and were given free face paintings.

Commanding officer, Capt David Pritchett addressed the troops, recognizing those who have received promotions and other honors during the past year.

Pritchett also recognized ten new members of the local unit, who have joined during the last year.

Following the meal, 1st SGT Jessie Anderson held drawings and gave the table decorations to lucky family members.

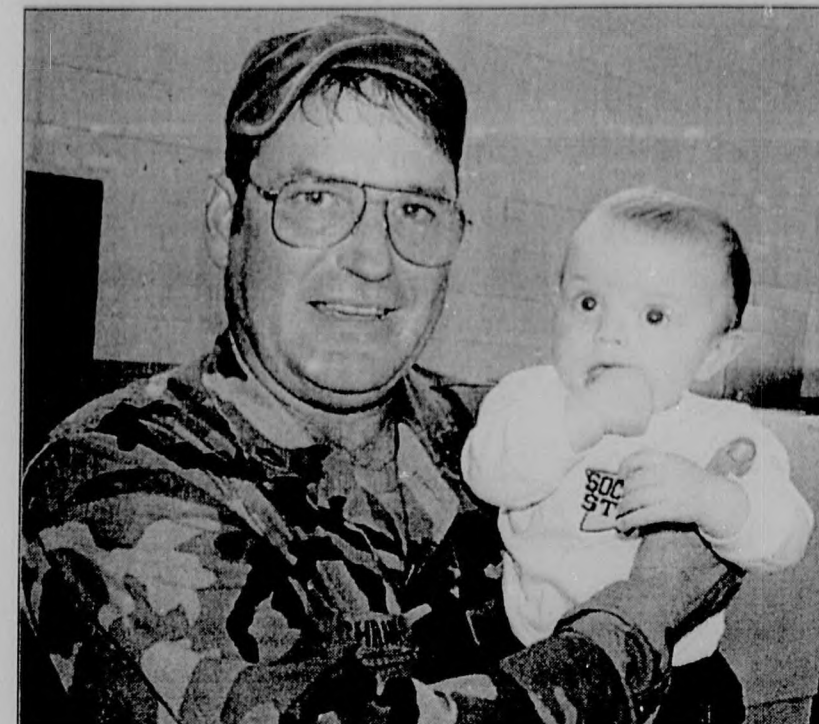
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SGT JERRY COCHRAN holds his eight month old "miracle" grandson, Dalton. The younger Cochran spent six weeks in a Birmingham Hospital with doctors struggling to save his life. However Sunday the child was as active as any of the children enjoying the Christmas meal with National Guard family members.



E-5 JOE WISE is shown serving his last meal to his National Guard buddies. Wise is retiring from his military duties, but returned one last time to help his old buddies feed the troops in the chow line.

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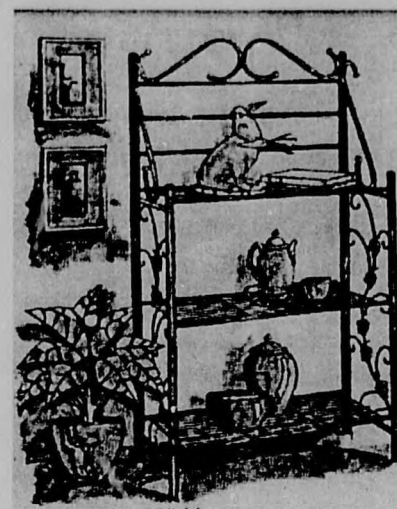
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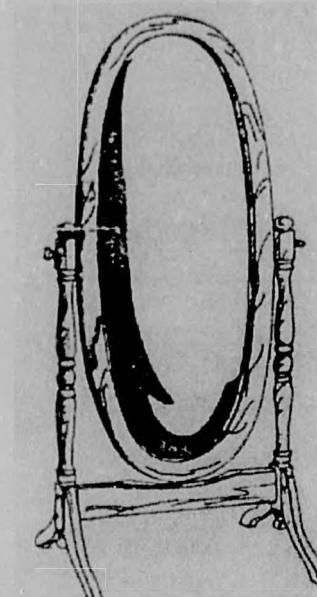
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Fences & water topics of commission meeting

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The subject of fences generated the most discussion during Monday's bi-monthly meeting of the Coffee County Commission.

In the general business from commissioners session, Commissioner Tom Grimsley commented that he and Commissioner Len Averett had been working on securing right-of-way deeds for the Matthews Creek Road which is tentatively scheduled to be paved next spring or summer.

Grimsley commented that almost all the landowners have signed the deeds and none have expressed any problem with signing them; however, several of them have rather new fences that will have to be moved in preparation for the paving of the road.

"They have asked if there is some way that we [the commission] can help them as far as moving these fences," said Grimsley.

He also commented that Commission Doug Dalrymple had several facing the same dilemma on a road that is being prepared for paving in his district. It was noted by Commissioner Dalrymple that several weeks ago he had proposed the county help financially with the relocation of these fences but the commission rejected the idea.

Commissioner Grimsley, in the form of a motion, proposed that the county pay 30¢ per foot to a landowner that has to relocate his fence in order to provide right-of-way for the widening of a dirt road along the preparation of a road for paving.

He stipulated that in order to receive the financial aid, a landowner would have to actually relocate the fence. In other words, the county will not pay the 30¢ per foot if the fence is simply torn down and not put back up.

It was noted by Grimsley that this money would in no way pay all the cost involved in moving the fence but it would help offset some of the cost. He also pointed out that the landowner would also be benefiting

from the widening or the paving of their road.

Grimsley's motion will include all road paving or widening projects currently in progress and all future projects.

An attempt by Commissioner Robert Stephens to table Grimsley's motion for further discussion failed after it received no second.

Commissioner Stephens then attempted to amend Grimsley's motion to include reimbursement (30¢ per foot) for all fences moved during the past two (2) years. This motion also failed to receive a second.

Grimsley's motion was finally voted on with all commissioners except Commissioners Berne Brooks and Stephens voting in favor of the motion. Brooks abstained while Stephens voted against the motion. Stephens noted that he was not against helping the landowners but that his concern was for those who in the past had received no assistance or compensation in relocating their fences.

The motion was not really clear on what fences would qualify for the reimbursement; however, permanent type (net, barbed wire, chain link, etc.) fences were mentioned during the discussion of the motion. It was made clear that electric fences would not qualify.

Commissioner Grimsley also proposed that the commission join the Association of United States Army (AUSA). The annual dues are \$125 which entitles two (2) representatives to attend a monthly breakfast/meeting. These meetings are designed to develop a good relationship between the army and civilian population.

The matter was tabled until the county attorney could research the legality of the commission paying dues to this type organization.

David Hicks, of David Hicks and Associates, addressed the commission concerning the engineering study on a county-wide water system. He gave commissioners a brief summary on the study.

Alabama State Troopers urge all motorists to drive safely and defensively during the upcoming holiday period. All available troopers will be on patrol during peak holiday travel times to help ensure safe travel on the state's roadways.

In preparation for increased holiday travel, troopers are taking part in National Holiday Lifesaver Weekend December 18 - 20, a pre-holiday safety campaign that encourages motorists to buckle up, obey speed limits and refrain from drinking and driving.

In conjunction with the weekend and in remembrance of the victims of drunken driving, troopers will have patrol car headlights on during daylight hours on Friday, December 18, Lights on For Life Day. Motorists are asked to join in the effort to highlight the dangers of drunken driving. A.L.S. troopers will intensify enforcement efforts through the weekend and upcoming holiday travel periods.

The Alabama Department of Public Safety estimates that 13 people will lose their lives in traffic crashes in the state during the 78-hour Christmas travel period, which begins at 6 p.m. Thursday, December 24, and ends at midnight Sunday, December 27.

In 1997, 19 people died in traffic crashes on Alabama roadways during a 102-hour Christmas period. 11 on rural roads and 8 in urban areas. Alcohol was a factor in at least 5 of the deaths, and 9 of the victims were not using safety belts.

The traffic fatality prediction for New Year's is that 8 people will die in traffic crashes in Alabama during the 78-hour period from 6 p.m. Thursday, December 31, through midnight Sunday, January 3, 1999.

Kaye M. Whitworth named executive director of Elba Chamber of Commerce

The Elba Chamber of Commerce has named Kaye M. Whitworth as its new executive director.

Kaye, a native of Elba, recently retired from the State of Alabama having worked with the Coffee County Health Department since 1973.

She is married to Ronnie Whitworth and is the mother of two children, Jamie and Kayron. Kaye was born, raised and has resided in Elba all her life. She has a special love for her hometown. Upon her graduation from Elba High School she attended Enterprise State Junior College and Troy University.

Some of Kaye's civic involvement includes the Coffee County Democratic Club, Chi Omega Mom's Club, Alabama State Employees' Association, Black and Gold Club, Community Spirit Day and Jail Clean-Up day, and she has worked many years as a volunteer in Chamber projects.

She has served as chairperson of the Elba Christmas Festival and has helped in the decoration of the city for Christmas.

The Chamber is pleased to have

The study was funded by a \$10,000 grant from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA).

Hicks stated that Phase I would focus on the southern half of Coffee County and would offer approximately 1,008 families (approximately 3,000 people) access to public water. He noted that the sign-up rate of individuals to a system is about 65 percent. The estimated cost would be \$6.3 million which would cover storage tanks, water supply plants (pumps and wells), and many miles of 3-, 6- and 8-inch water supply lines.

"The main objective of the rural water system is to get public water to the folks in the county who do not have it," stated Hicks.

He noted that funding for the project would possibly be available through USDA Rural Development grants which would cover about 45 percent of the cost. Other funding, approximately \$5.5 million, could come from ADECA. The balance of the funds needed could be secured through a 40-year Rural Development loan.

Hicks stressed the urgency for action in order to get the project funded in this fiscal year. There will have to be actual plans drawn up and applications made.

Commissioner Linda Westbrook, who has been spearheading this project, was asked to set up a meeting with representatives from the county's rural water authorities. It was pointed out that the program is voluntary but also, there would be tremendous advantages to having a county-wide water system.

Chairman Lewis read a letter from Census 2000 crew leaders praising the county and highway department on how well the county roads were identified and in good condition.

"The up-to-date county road maps were invaluable in helping update the census maps," they said.

Other matters acted on by the commission consisted of the following items:

***A motion by Commissioner

Stephens that all commissioners be on the landfill committee passed unanimously.

***A resolution was passed by the commission allowing the county to enter into an agreement with the Natural Resource Conservation on the repairs to 15 flood site (Hurricane Georges damage) locations throughout the county.

***Approved bid invitations for annual supplying of materials (grassing, rip-rap, etc.) for the repair of NRCS projects.

***Commissioners Stephens and Grimsley appointed to serve on the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission.

***Awarded the bid for software and hardware for a new computer system in the Revenue Commissioner's office to Gemini Consultants at \$164,057.58.

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Elba City Council holds two in one meeting

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council held two meetings Monday evening, hopefully getting all city business out of the way prior to the Christmas holidays.

Following the prayer, which opened the first meeting, the council heard City Attorney Jeff Kelley explain the need for approving several resolutions dealing with the major sewer-rehabilitation project planned for Elba. This previously approved project is being funded with a \$2,279,000 bond issue and a \$461,000 federal grant.

Council members approved a resolution authorizing the mayor and city clerk to sign the necessary papers relating to the bond issue and the grant.

Monthly bills for operating the city totaled \$21,165.50. Included in this amount was \$4,313.35 for vehicle and equipment repairs and maintenance; \$1,350.00 as Elba quarterly fee on using of the NCIC computer in the police department and \$1,645.00 for asphalt mix, used in street repair.

In addition to the above bills, the council approved payment of \$30,625.52 in flood repairs, inventory and equipment for all departments. These expenses are funded by FEMA grants and flood insurance proceeds.

Following a formal adjournment of the meeting and a short break, the council reconvened for the required

County law enforcement agencies make another meth bust

Coffee County Sheriff's deputies, Enterprise police officers and 12th Judicial Circuit Narcotics Investigators arrested Michael Anthony Rials, 44, of Route 1, box 435-A, Enterprise last Thursday evening for possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine.

The arrest came after the execution of a search warrant at the Rials residence, located on Coffee County Road 625 in the Goodman Community.

During the search, authorities seized a small amount of processed methamphetamine, along with paraphernalia and components used to manufacture methamphetamine. All of the elements of the illegal lab were not found.

Investigators believe that only a part of the manufacturing process was being carried out at the Rials residence, and it would have been transported somewhere else for completion of the process.

The arrest is a result of the current investigation by local law enforcement agencies into the illegal manufacturing and selling of methamphetamines.

A grand jury met in the Enterprise Division of Coffee County during the week of December 7, 1998. According to Bruce DeVane, Chief Investigator with the 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office, the grand jury was presented evidence in 111 cases.

Of the one hundred and eleven (111) cases, the grand jury returned ninety-two (92) indictments and of those, eighty-five (85) were felony cases and seven (7) were misdemeanors. Four (4) cases were continued, three (3) were referred back to the City of Enterprise Municipal Court, and twelve (12) were no-billed. Arraignments for the individuals indicted have been set for January 8, 1999.



COFFEE COUNTY MEDICAL SUPPLY...had its grand reopening last Friday. Coffee County Medical supply is a division of EMS-Medical Inc. and is located at 511 North Claxton Avenue next to Hardee's in Elba. Abdel A. Bilal is in charge of CCMS's office/retail sales & marketing. Pictured above are the participants in the official ribbon cutting. They are (l-r): Barbara Hudson, Herby McCall, Miss Elba Misty Kelley, Mary Helen Robinson, Felicia Bilal, Abdel Bilal, Mark Jordan, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Stephanie Pierce (EMS-Med Inc.), Kaye Whitworth, and Jr. Miss Elba Valerie Moore. Assisting Mayor Grimes with the ribbon are: Little Misses Caitlin Lee and Taylor Creel.

the outgoing and incoming garbage collection firms was going smoothly. The changeover is planned for January 1st.

Mayor James Grimes presented the council with a request from Marion Brunson, requesting the city officially accept a short street off Brunson Circle which contains five households. Brunson's letter noted this would be needed when Elba starts using the E911 program. Brunson suggested the street be named Fox Drive.

The council agreed to officially accept the street and the name Fox Drive.

Elba native Brad English promoted to associate ad manager by APA

Former Elba resident Brad English has been named associate advertising manager at Alabama Press Association, a promotion from senior marketing representative.

Brad is the son of June English Wells, now of Dothan, and the late Bob English, a former mayor of Elba. He and his wife, Nancy, a teacher, have one daughter.

News Briefs

The Coffee County Relay For Life committee recently received national, divisional, and regional awards for their efforts in the American Cancer Society's signature fundraiser - Relay For Life. In 1998, Coffee County raised \$242,000.00. A reception was held Monday evening in the Magnolia Room in downtown Enterprise to celebrate the occasion. Funds raised at Relay For Life events help the American Cancer Society fight cancer through research, education, patient services, and advocacy.

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Area Happenings

HOLIDAY CLOSING ANNOUNCED. The City of Elba offices will be closed December 24 & 25, 1998 in observance of the Christmas holidays. Standby crews will be on duty for emergencies involving street-sewer, electrical or water problems. Such emergencies can be reported by calling the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The garbage collection will be as follows: Monday's route unchanged, Tuesday's route unchanged, Wednesday and Thursday's routes will be collected on Wednesday, and Friday's route will be picked up on Thursday.

HOSPICE EDUCATIONAL GRIEF GROUP. Wiregrass Hospice, Inc. will begin a 5-week educational grief group called "New Beginnings" in January. The group will meet one week for educational discussion of issues such as the tasks of mourning, the pain of grief, adjustment to grief, making sense of one's life after loss, and the loneliness of grief. The meeting dates and time are January 13, 20, & 27 and February 3 and 10 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the First Methodist Church of Enterprise located on Main Street in downtown Enterprise. For more information call Barbara Deaton at 1-800-626-1101.

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